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Blair backs rate cut, say unions

AMID MOUNTING concern over BY BARRIE CLEMENT redundancies in manufacturing industry, the Prime Minister has told union leaders that be

wants interest rates to come

down over the next few months. the annual TUC conference in Blackpool, which ended yesterday, Tony Blair has made TUC delegates on Tuesday. clear his conviction that the cost of borrowing should be cut next month or in November at

AND COLIN BROWN

trade unionists go much further than the public pronouncements of ministers or the care-In private conversations at fully judged remarks of Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, who addressed

So far, the official indications have been that interest rates are unlikely to go higher, but there has been no hard-and-Mr Blair's remarks in one-to-fast prediction that they would one conversations with senior come down. Mr Blair said be-

be hoped interest rates had peaked at 7.5 per cent.

The signal of a cut in rates came as the gloom over job global economy. losses continued yesterday with the announcement of more than 800 redundancies by Vickers, makers of the Challenge 2 battle tank, with the closure of its Leeds plant, and the remaining losses in Newcastle

badly htt by redundancies. of State for Trade and Industry, policy committee on 7-8 October.

upon Tyne, an area aiready

fore he went to Blackpool that told TUC delegates yesterday that there was "no magic fix" that could solve the problems caused by a downturn in the

renewed pressure at Labour's the month for action to stave off fusing to intervene to help more job losses in manufacturing. He is hoping to pull off a coup during the Tory party conference, by seeking a cut in interest rates after the next Peter Mandelson, Secretary meeting of the Bank's monetary

Mr Blair's attempt to reassure union leaders came after the launch of the Alliance for Manufacturing - a joint venture involving the Amalgamated En-Mr Blair knows he will face gineering and Electrical Union and the MSF union - which acannual conference at the end of cused the Government of re-

> industry. cent interest rate may now come down by a quarter of a percentage point in the wake of Mr Blair's remarks.

The downward shift in in-

terest rates in the UK will be It may be an interpretation the well aware of the internationseen as part of a co-ordinated move by the world's leading in- a No 10 source. dustrialised countries to step back from the brink of global recession. Mr Blair could then

the independence of the Bank. Downing Street denied last It is thought that the 7.5 per night that Mr Blair had promised a cut in interest rates. "The furthest be went was in saying we hoped that rates had peaked. He went no further in

unions are putting on it," said

The Chancellor Gordon Brown, strongly hinted in Japan this week that he would argue that he was not using pobe seeking - as the current holder of the presidency of the litical pressure to undermine G7 countries - a co-ordinated that up to half a million jobs are reduction in interest rates to boost growth.

One City analyst said last night: "If the political pressure Mandelson warning, page 10 on the Bank to cut interest rates is too clumsy it could private than he went in public. well backfire. But the Bank is

al context.

Although the monetary policy committee at the Bank is in charge of interest rates, it will take the Prime Minister's wishes on board.

Union leaders have warned at risk if the interest rate-setting committee stuck to its strict anti-inflationary strategy. Business outlook, page 21

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Mike Sharp

Im converted.

The mink are back... and this time they're angry

A WOMAN wearing rubber BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE boots was struggling with the weight of a rusting wheelbar- know for some hours just how row in the lane. As she aproached, the air filled with a manently." sour, greasy smell. "They're everywhere," she said, pointing to the already stiffened bodies of several mink lying in the

Mink stink. Dead mink stink even more, and yesterday the high-hedged lanes of Madeley in north Staffordshire were heavy with the most evil of perfumes after thousands of the animals were released from a fur farm at Onneley, near Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Police said that they suspected animal rights activists were behind the break-in which was detected at 5.30am when the wife of a local farmer awoke to find her yard full of the animals. Officers said those responsible used wire and bolt clippers to break through several fences before cutting the andlocked chain on a gate to the

"It was a very deliberate and determined forced entry," said Sergeant Keith Alldritt of Staffordshire Police's rural crime unit. "At this stage it is impossible to say how many of the animals have actually got away. People are still capturing them all the time so we won't

He said detectives were

many will have escaped per-

searching for clues at the farm and were in liaison with officers from the Hampshire force who investigated two similar incidents in the New Forest this

tinued, the main business yes-



While police inquiries con-

terday was trying to recapture the animals. By nightfall up to 1,000 mink had been recovered by local people and other fur rmers who gave assistance. Methods of recovery dif-

fered: The brave donned thick leather gloves and grabbed the animals as they rushed past. Local farmers and gamekeepers used shotgums and amassed piles of dead animals.

Others were less effective and at times the rescue operation took on elements of farce and even pantomime "It's behind you," shouted one man to a woman staring intently into a hedgerow as

past her Farmer Len Kelsall, 60, who has bred animals for the past 40 years, said: "These people are literally terrorists at the end

"I am very open. I have nothing to hide. The ministry people always compliment me on the level of husbandry here." Mr Kelsall, chairman of the 14-member Fur Breeders'

just aimed at the President

There are fears that if the President's sex life is further

Henry Hyde, Chairman of

the House Judiciary Commit-

tee, was the subject of allega-

tions in the Internet magazine

Salon, which revealed a 30-

year old infidelity. Mr Hyde is

normally regarded as a man of

come under the scrutiny. The

Republicans have blamed the

White House for the leaks, but

Other Republicans, too, have

impeccable character.

exposed, then others would

but also at its authors.

also be fair game.

jackets and balaclavas had tried to enter the farm before they were moved on.

The Animal Liberation Front - which carried out one of the Hampshire attacks in Auone slim dark creature crept gust - denied any involvement. "No one linked to the group has yet claimed responsibility" said Robin Webb, a spokesman for

> "There are a number of people who could have done this, and not necessarily animal activists. You have to consider all the reasons this might be

Mr Webb claimed conditions Association, said that as re- in all minkfarms were bad; the

said that it would fire immedi-

ately any staff member caught

leaking information about the

Democrats and Republicans

struck a pact on the floor of

Congress that no candidate in

November's elections would

be allowed to use such mater-

interest, there is a genuine

fear that private lives will

become public ammunition in

American politics, where the

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use of such attacks is less com-

mon than in British politics.

Though much of this is self-

ial for attacks on opponents.

private life of a member.

vulsion at the Starr report, not yesterday the White House

cently as last Sunday up to 20 animals were kept in small protesters wearing combat dirty cages and suffered high levels of stress.

A mink skulking in the undergrowth near Madeley in north Staffordshire after thousands were freed from a nearby fur farm

While police warned local people to keep pets and children inside last night, experts said the mink would be most likely to start causing damage within the next few days as they became more hungry.

There was at least one report yesterday of a pet kitten being killed. One woman said she and her baby were moving from the area until the mink had all been caught.

Local people said they believed the animals would make for local woods, many of which were home to specially bred pheasants.

Meanwhile, the captured animals were returned to their cages last night, their brief taste of freedom over. Many seemed resigned to their recapture as they snuggled up together, sometimes four or

more to a cage. A wild mink was captured vesterday days after it set up home in a ladies' toilet next door to the Debenhams store in

The two-foot long male mink is thought to have arrived on a lorry delivering fruit and vegetables to a nearby open-air market. It may be one of thousands freed by animal rights activists in the New Forest.

Crop-tops for Scots' athletes

SCOTLAND'S Commonwealth BY LEN GOULD Games athletics team had to call on an emergency kit sup-ply after they discovered their original outfits were too small.

The first kit, supplied on Monday, was made for 11 to 13year-olds and most of the athletes could not even get it over their heads. Vikki McPherson, who runs in the 10,000 metres, said: "I would have had to have out eye-slits in my crop-top if I was going to wear it, and even then it would have been rather

embarrassing." Brendan Foster's clothing company supplied the team with a replacement kit.

England scored double gold with Denise Lewis in the heptathlon and 37-year-old Bob Weir, who was a surprise winner of the discus 16 years after winning the hammer. England's shooters took their medal tally to five golds.

Trinidad's Ato Boldon ran the fourth-fastest 100 metres of all time when he took the gold medal from Namibia's Frankie Fredericks. England's Darren Campbell and Marion Devonish finished fifth and eighth respectively.

Golden Boldon, Page 26



Congressmen become targets as Clinton 'sex' video is edited

WASHINGTON TRIED to close By ANDREW MARSHALL anks yesterday to calm the owing spread of sexual allegations about leading politicians. There were signs, too, that a revealing video about Bill Clinton, due for release today, would be edited to remove the salacious material. The White House and Congress have both been trying to prevent the affair from contaminating every aspect of politics.

Reports of sexual misbehaviour by several republicans have triggered fears of a "sexual Armageddon."

The video contains Mr Clinton's testimony to Kenneth

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graphic material

in Washington

President's sexual adventures

and alleged attempts to cover

them up. It portrays an angry,

evasive President attempting to

fend off claims about his sex life.

mittee which would release

the tape was trying to agree

yesterday on the removal of

some of the more sexually

explicit sections to calm public

fears that Congress is simply

releasing yet more porno-

There was widespread re-

The Congressional Com-

Vickers, the defence equipment manufacturer, is to cut 1,100 jobs and

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of South East Asia

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The Queen arrived in Brunei at the start of a potentially difficult tour

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Corporation is in talks to take a stake in digital TV in Italy, sources said

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SPORT

Denise Lewis retained her Commonwealth Games heptathlon title, winning all

but one of the seven events



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Viagra warning for older men

Viagra may pose risks to older men who are apparently healthy and not just to those with heart problems, researchers report today.

Police chief admits errors

Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, admitted that his officers made fundamental errors in the Stephen Lawrence murder investigation, but denied that racism or corruption played any part in the case.

A-level standard under attack

A government minister launched a scathing attack on the A-level "gold standard", saying it was out of place in the

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Spain welcomes terrorist truce

Spaniards and Basques reacted with joy yesterday to the Eta terrorist group's declaration of a permanent truce after 30 years of bloodshed.

Britons' key role in Australia poli Immigrants from Britain could hold the key to who rules Australia after the general election on 3 October.

BUSINESS NEWS

City set for busy new year

New year in the City is usually a very quiet affair, but 1 January 1999 could be one of the busiest ever. Thousands of staff have been cajoled, bribed and bullied into working over the so-called "conversion weekend" when Europe's common currency, the euro, will be officially

SPORTS NEWS

Rose qualifies for Tour school

Golfer Justin Rose shot a round of 67 at Chart Hills in Kent to qualify for the European Tour school in Spain

Leicestershire on title course

Ben Smith and Aftab Habib put on an unbeaten partnership of 247 to keep Leicestershire on course for cricket's County Championship.

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Andrew Lyne

'Scientifically the possibility of extraterrestrial life cannot be discounted and, perhaps more than any other time in history, the subject can rightly be regarded as a respectable discipline.'

Gordon Brown

'I believe that the essential answer to the problems of the moment is not less globalisation - not new national structures to separate and isolate economies - but stronger international structures to make globalisation work in harder times as well as easy ones.'

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Recycled paper made up 46,03% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 1997

Tory leaders agree pact to 'get Clarke'

concerted attack on the former Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to destroy his campaign against William Hague over Britain's

entry to the single currency.
The decision to target Mr Clarke was taken at the Tory Party Central Office in Smith Square with Mr Hague's full approval. Those who were party to the "get Ken" pact included Sir Norman Fowler, who acted as his party leadership cam-

Others who were at the private meeting at Tory party headquarters included Peter Lilley, the deputy leader, Lord Parkinson, the outgoing party chairman, Michael Ancram, his successor, and shadow Chancellor Francis Maude.

Mr Clarke enraged the Tory leadership by dismissing the party ballot called by Mr Hague on the euro in a statement on Wednesday. According to one highly placed source, they de-cided that "enough is enough". They are not going to take

this any more. It was not a meeting of right-wing idealogues. It was a broad spectrum of the party," said a by Michael Howard, the Shad-

THE TORY high command de- BY COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

> leadership source. Lord Parkinson, a former friend of Mr Clarke, fired the first salvo at the launch of the Tory party conference agenda, attacking the former Chancellor for being "arrogant" in dismissing the views of the party in the refer-endum, which is expected to deliver overwhelming support for Mr Hague's policy of ruling

The attack was stepped up last night by Lord Lamont, Mr Clarke's predecessor as Chancellor. Lord Lamont, an outspoken Eurosceptic, was authorised by the party leadership to make his own attack on Mr Clarke, Michael Heseltine, and other pro-Europeans who discount the ballot.

out entry to the euro for at least

eight years.

They have nothing but contempt for Conservative Party members. No matter that more than 150,000 people will vote in this ballot, their opinions are to be an irrelevance. What sort of attitude is this on the most important issue of our time?"

The attacks were reinforced

BRITAIN TODAY

FORECAST

General situation Early rain in Scotland then surny spells, and only a few showers in the north-west. Mainly dry in Northern Ireland with warm spells of sursinne Northern and south-west England and Wales will start with a little rain but soon brighten with surny spells. Central and southern England will become mainly cloudy with a little drizzle later.

sel 8s: Fog and drizzle. A light south-west wind. Max temp 18-20C (64-68F) Court N & NE England: Some rain then warm sunshine. A light west to south-west wind. Max temp 18-21C (G4-70F).

NW England, Lake Dist, Isle of Man, Walest Rain then plenty of sur. A light mainly westerly wind. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F).

SW, SE & NE Scotland, Glasgow, Ediaburgh, Aberdeen: Early rain then warm surstline. A moderate southerly wind becoming light westerly. Max temp 17-19C (63-667).

N Isles: Rain clearing late afternoon, A fresh southerly wind. Max temp 13C (55F)

Court S & SE Engineer, London, E Angitta: A lot of cloud. A light southwind. Max temp 19-21C (66-70F).

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and: Mainly dry with sunny spells. A light sout

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W Midlands, SW England: Dull and drizzly. west wind. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F).

ow Foreign Secretary, and the former Foreign Secretary, Malcoim Rifkind. Mr Howard said: "Those who believe our members shouldn't have a say are rooted in the past."

The results of the ballot are due to be announced on the eve of the Tory conference and leaders are determined to use it to try to end the running sore over Europe in the party.

Lord Parkinson said any one speaking against Mr Hague's policy after the ballot would be speaking for themselves, and not the party-with the clear signal that associations should select candidates who back the leadership line.

The conference is expected to show its overwhelming backing for Mr Hague's Eurosceptic policy on the single currency. Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine

are preparing to attack Mr Hague's policy at a series of fringe meetings during the Bournemouth conference.

By portraying Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine as "yester day's men", Mr Hague and his supporters are hoping they can ston Europe sabotaging the Tory election strategy as it did in the 1997 election.

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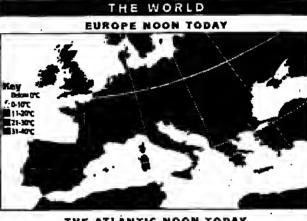
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RAIN OR SHINE

THE PLAGUE, the Irish potato famine and the French Revolution are among some of the historical events for which El Nino, the weather pattern which has spread meteorological havoc around the world this year, is to take the blame. Unrest, disease and crop failure caused by the bad weather was a contributory factor in a number of historical events events according to the Guinness Book of Amazing Nature published yesterday.



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Employment: High pound and Far East turmoil force manufacturers to lay off thousands while service sector booms

Vickers closure 'no political fix'



VICKERS FURIOUSLY denied BY MICHAEL HARRISON claims of a "political fix" after announcing yesterday 1,100 job losses and the closure of its Challenger 2 tank factory in Leeds rather than a similar facility in Newcastle, close to Tony Blair's Sedgefield con-

The cutbacks were offset by two big job-creation announcements in service industries. Morrison's, the Bradford-based supermarket group, is creating 2,500 jobs at 100 new stores,

AND COLIN BROWN

while Bank One International of America is locating its European beadquarters in Cardiff Bay, creating 1,000 jobs.

The Leeds closure will cost 450 jobs, but there will also be 200 redundancies at the Newcastle tank factory and 40 at the Vickers Bridging plant in Wolverhampton, which makes portable bridges and pontoons. A further 450 jobs will be shed

from Vickers marine propulsion A senior Vickers executive and turbine divisions. added that the Leeds plant still Sir Colin Chandler, Vickers' had a "civil service mentality chairman, said that be bad

spoken to Jonathan Powell, the Prime Minister's chief-of-staff, about the impending closure. but be denied any political pressure had been brought to bear. Vickers said the Newcastle plant cost £1m a year less to run

and was more productive than

the Leeds factory, which was

bought from the government in

and was staffed by "lots of Geoffrey Boycott-type sullen Yorkshiremen". Although the Newcastle plant draws some of its workforce from Mr Blair's Sedgefield constituency, the Leeds closure will affect three minister-

Brown, the Minister of Agri- ments. GKN, which won the claims. George Mudie, a junior culture, Fisheries and Food. The two factories were completing a £1.5bn order for Chal-

lenger 2 tanks from the Army. Leeds will close at the end of next year, while the long-term future of the Newcastle plant will depend on Vickers success in attracting some of the 25hn in export orders.

ial constituencies - those of the The cutbacks follow Vickers' Industry minister John Batfailure to win a £3bn "battlefield tle, the Foreign Office minister tani" order from the British Derek Fatchett, and Nick German and French govern-

order, is merging its armoured vehicles business with Alvis. which was a member of the Vickers consortium.

Leeds area discounted the

there had been pressure from Downing Street to limit the job losses in the North-east, where 24 hours earlier Mr Blair faced some of the 600 workers wbo are being made redundant in his own constituency by Pujitsu. But Labour MPs in the

idea that Number 10 and the DTI intervened is an outrageous suggestion. It's the con-Union sources claimed that spiracy theory gone mad." John Redwood, Tory indus-

try spokesman, blamed government policies and warned that there could be more job losses. "It is the Government's explosive mix of high sterling, high taxes and high interests rates that has driven so many factories to the wall," be said.

education minister, said: "The

Heartland to bear the *brunt of a hard winter

BRITAIN FACES a long cold BY BARRIE CLEMENT economic winter, with mounting job losses in manufacturing.

Turmoil in the Far East and the strength of the pound can and they are not borrowing only result in more plant clo-

Yet as the heavy industries continue to contract, thousands of jobs are being created in the service industries such as the banks, supermarkets, and in the ubiquitous call centres springing up everywhere.

While the big-name closures in Britain's traditional industrial heartland grab the beadlines. government figures show that about 250,000 more people are in work now than in May last year when Labour came to power. Traditional black spot areas will continue to suffer the worst, including parts of the Midlands, the North-west and especially the North-east where the shutdown of the Siemens and Fujitsu factorles brought home the seriousness of the decline in manufacturing. expense of Leeds.

At the TUC conference in. Blackpool this week, ministers brushed aside calls for intervention to bring down interest rates, which have sucked in foreign money, led to the high value of sterling and pushed up the prices of British goods.

A week's sbutdown of the Hoover plant in Merthyr Tydfil and the threat of lay-offs among the 1,000-strong workforce, as well as the closure of a Britisb Steel rolling mill at Rotherham announced yesterday, can be blamed partly on the strength of the pound.

Employment in manufacturing has fallen by more than 30,000 since May when exchange rates firmed.

Until recently exporters have kept going by accepting lower profit margins, but there is a limit to their forbearance. There has also been a steep

drop in domestic demand with high street retailers faced once again with mounting stocks. Shoppers are simply not buying high-priced British goods another atrong element in the problems hitting Hoover.

Faced with an economic meltdown, Asian manufacturers are selling goods at rockbottom prices and British husinesses are unable to com-

Consumers are also having to cope with a steep rise in the cost of living. Typical mortgage repayment have increased by 25 per cent in a year and higher indirect taxes bave contributed to the misery.

Labour Editor

"People are not spending said Ian Brinkley, a senior TUC

economist There is great political sensitivity over job losses in the North-east where several leading members of the Government, in addition to the Prime Minister, have their constitu-

The closure of the £1.1bn Siemens electronics plants on North Typeside with the loss of 1,100 jobs and the sbutdown of the Fujitsu factory in Mr Blair's Sedgefield constituency were prompted primarily by the worldwide collapse in semiconductor prices.

Some workers at Vickers' Leeds plant, where 650 jobs are going, suggested that political considerations may bave meant that the Newcastle factory was favoured at the

Economists believe that men working full time will be the main victims of the economic downturn, owing to the sectors in which they tend to

The new jobs will emerge in the service sector, such as the call centres being established by banks and finance companies to maintain regular contact with their customers and cut These centres are employing

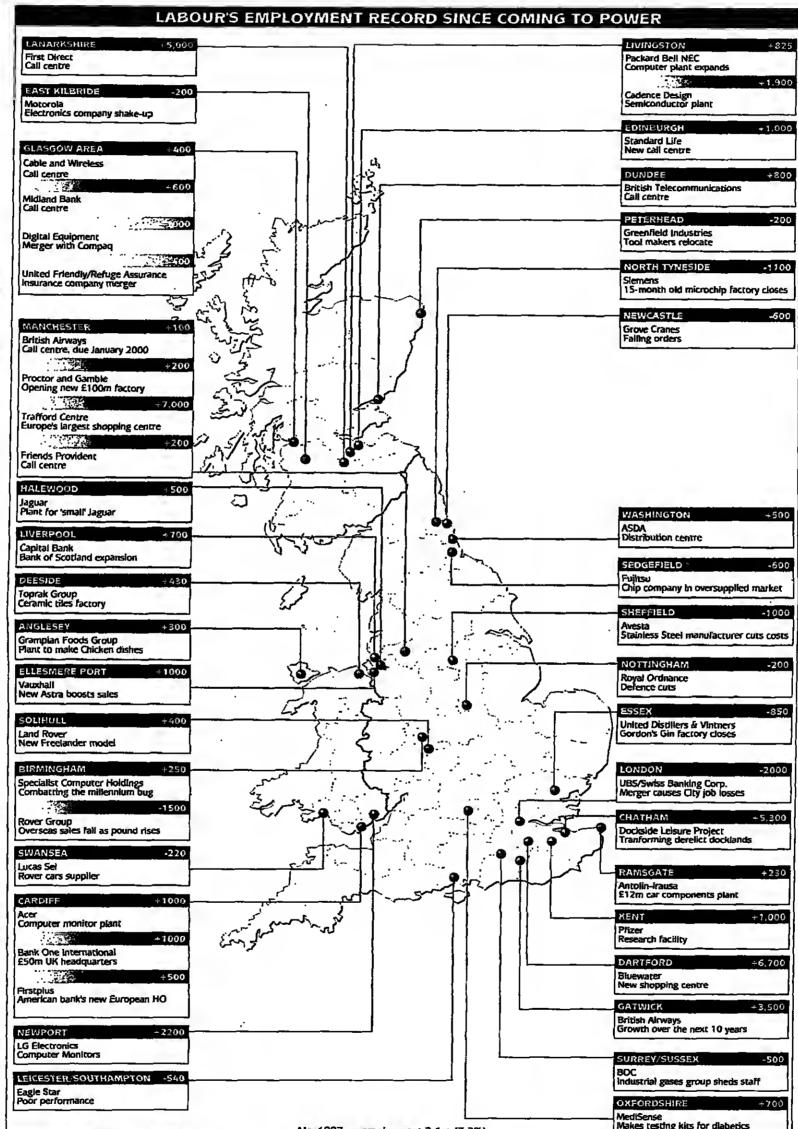
low-paid female staff rather than the higher earning males who have lost their jobs in manufacturing.

Yesterday's announcement that a leading US bank is to base its £50m UK headquarters in the Cardiff Bay development, creating 1,000 jobs, on the same day that the Vickers said it was closing the Leeds tank factory, is the clearest possible example of the changing employment patterns.

Most observers argue that the present economic prob-lems will prove a pale shadow of those experienced in the early 1990s.

Ministers have rejected calls this week for a change of course in economic policy or the early cut in interest rates being demanded by manufacturing. Earlier in the week Eddie

George, Governor of the Bank of England, told the TUC that the Bank recognised the problems of "internationally-exposed businesses," but held out no hope of altering the tight monetary policies.



'How am I going to find another job?"

BY ESTHER LEACH

EMPLOYEES AT Vickers Defence Systems in Leeds, who learnt of their factory's impending closure during the morning, walked though the gates at lunchtime grim-faced and pessimistic about their chances of finding new work.

Many of them have spent all their working lives with the company, helping to develop it as a major European tank manufacturer, Ancillary worker Graham Groves, 53, who has been with the company for 18 years, said many of the workforce had reacted with anger

and shock "How am I going to find another job at my age? We all thought they would close the Newcastle factory because it is smaller, but that's too close to Tony Blair's constituency," said

Mr Groves. Engineer Bill Dodsworth, 49, from Wetherby, who has three children, has worked in the gun unit at the factory for 21 years. "They just told us they are going to wind down the factory. Everyone was devastated. Newcastle and a lot of us believe there must be a political reason because Tony Blair

would be in trouble if they did. "I suppose we have just got to get on with it now. No one has told us anything about redundancy yet or given us any advice about finding new jobs. I suppose that will come later."

Painter David MacDonald. 42. from York, arrived at the plant just two months ago after giving up a reasonably paid job. "I came to Vickers because the pay and conditions were better. And now this. The first thing I did was telephone my wife and she just burst into

"I was made redundant at the Railway Factory in York two years ago and we got through it then, and we will get through

it now." Earlier Sir Colin Chandler. Chief Executive of Vickers Defence Systems, said the company would help to find new jobs for their employees. "It was a difficult decision to make. We will work with the Government, the European Commission and the Leeds and Yorkshire Development Agencies to secure new manufacturing jobs for our employees."

The factory will be run down progressively as the order for the Challenger 2 tank is completed, and will close by the end of 1999 with the loss of 450 jobs. Some of the site and workforce at Leeds will be retained for a specialist service centre.

Sterling's rise harms tourism

BY LINUS GREGORIADIS

STERLING'S HIGH value is losing the tourist industry bundreds of millions of pounds and thousands of jobs, according to a report issued yesterday by the British Tourist Authority.

The amount of money spent by visitors to the UK last year remained at £12bn, the same level as 1996, even though the number of visitors had risen to a record 25.5 million.

The continuing strong pound, coupled with the finançial crisis in Asia, means 1998 unlikely to be any easier," said David Quarmby, the BTA's

"The 16 per cent rise in the value of the pound against European currencies will have cost Britain over £850m in rev-



The Millennium Dome is the tourist hope for 2000

enue from European visitors in Germany, in the world tourism 1997 and 30,000 tourism jobs in

this country." BTA said that the rise in

market

Despite the gloomy prognosis for the tourist industry in the value of sterling could also cost short term, Mr Quarmby said Britain its fifth place, above that the UK would benefit from

nium, even if the pound con- Dome with all its attractions. tinued to gain in strength.

BTA has forecast a bumper year for British tourism in 2000 because of the Millennium Dome and popularity of Greenwich. It is estimated that that there could be 28.3 million visitors who would spend £14.5bn.

The BTA is launching a £3m marketing campaign - "Britain: Now is the Time" - to attract more visitors for the turn of the

"Britain will be the centre of world attention for the year 2000," said Mr Quarmby. Supporting the Millennium Dome project, be added:

"I think it is the greatest tourism opportunity this country has ever seen," he said.

May1997, unemployment 2.1m (7.3%)

August 1998 unemployment 1.79m (6.2%)

Jobs created Jobs lost

According to the BTA's figures for 1997, the Europeans spent just over £6bn in Britain: visitors from the Americas spent £2.8bn; and those from Asia, the Middle East and Africa contributed £3.2bn.

Mr Quarmby said that the UK was still growing in popularity as a holiday destination for many nationalities, especially Americans and Canadi-

The good news is that there has been a steady growth from "Britain is now accepted as the North America of around 10 per focus of the celebration ... Not cent and this will help to counonly do we have historic Greenteract poor performances from wich, with its links with time,



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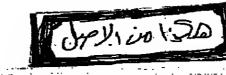
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Viagra 'a danger to older men'

VIAGRA may pose risks to By JEREMY LAURANCE older men who are apparently healthy and not just to those with heart problems, researchers report today.

Doctors describe the case of a 65-year-old man who experienced acute chest pain half an hour after taking one 50mg pill. He was taken to hospital where an ECG showed he had suffered a heart attack, but after being treated with drugs he made a full recovery.

Researchers from the Drug Safety Unit in Rijswijk in the Netherlands, who report the case in The Lancet, say it is worrying hecause the man had none of the risk factors for a heart attack such as high hlood pressure, diabetes or previous heart disease.

He did not smoke and was only an occasional drinker. The attack cannot have been triggered by sexual exertion a common cause of heart attacks - because he had not attempted sexual intercourse when the chest pains hegan.

"The close temporal relation between ingesting sildepafil [the chemical name for Viagra] and the onset of severe chest pain due to acute myocardial infarction [heart attack] ... suggests that sildenafil was causally related," they

Although there have been many anecdotal reports of men suffering heart disorders after taking Viagra, including 69 deaths in the US linked with it, the reports contained no details of the patients' state of health before taking the drug, according to The Lancet.

Figures released by the US Food and Drug Administration earlier this month showed that

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was unknown. The average age of those who died was 64. The FDA, responsible for li-censing the drug in the US, said it had not changed its view of the drug's safety but would continue to evaluate the need for regulatory action. Warning labels tell users to avoid nitrates, a common medicine for heart problems, because of

the known risk of interaction. However, the Dutch researchers say that the number of men involved in trials of Viagra before licensing was low compared to the expected demand. "Some adverse reactions may be disclosed only when large numbers of men are exposed," they say.

They admit that they cannot rule out any pre-existing heart disease in the patient, but having no symptoms he ap-peared healthy, and would not have been picked up in any screening process.

They also suggest a mechanism by which the drug may cause heart attacks. Viagra is known to trigger headache, flushing and nasal congestion as a result of dilation of the peripheral blood vessels - the mechanism which also results in erection of the penis. However, the effect of redistributing blood to peripheral parts of the body away from the heart "may have undermined adequate coronary perfusion and led to myocardial infarc-

A spokesman for Pfizer. manufacturers of Viagra, said the company would follow up the case along with all other reports of adverse reactions. 46 of the 69 had heart attacks He added: "It has never been and two had strokes. In the re- established that Viagra was maining 21 the cause of death causally related to any death."



BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH

couples took their leave.

it: "The pills have gone down

and now we will see what

comes up." Richard was more

hlunt: "Apparently it starts

with a tingling sensation and

Her husband Richard Made-



Neil Munns/PA

This morning, there's one happy couple – thanks to Richard and Judy

PERHAPS IT was the pressures of time or of having to perform in front of two and a half million viewers, but in the end the live television trial of Viagra was, literally, a bit of a flop.

Richard and Judy renowned for their cosy and caring brand of television took their sympathy one step further on their show This Morning and invited three couples for a live test of the anti-impotence pill.

The couples, two of whom have not had sex for four years, were given one little blue pill and packed off to a hotel with instructions to report back in an hour. The nation held its breath.

ends in carpet hurns." As the minutes ticked by the "They're all in for a very exciting morning - we hope," screen was filled with footage

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of a tower block collapsing shown in reverse - and a pill said Judy Finnegan caringly. thrusting up from the bottom of the screen.

ley, who failed completely to dis-A spokesman for the show guise his relief that he was not denied that it was a crass apsimilarly afflicted, said earnestproach and made fun of what is, ly: "Sex is so important, isn't it." after all, a serious problem for many. "I absolutely deny that. Amid much ribald laughter and nudging of ribs, the pills We were not poking fun. It was an important medical experiwere duly swallowed and the ment conducted by the viewers for the viewers." Or as Judy preferred to put

Andy Burrows, spokesman for Pfizer, the makers of Viagra, said: "I am concerned that this type of approach trivialises a serious medical condition that causes great distress to sufferers and their partners."

Ann Craig, director of the Im-

potence Association, said they fered for the last 18 months, had received dozens of complaints about the experiment.

This makes the whole issue seem like fun when it certainly isn't," she said. But what of the couples?

Richard leapt eloquently in to the breach. "We had one no result, one reasonably OK result and one wey hey hey give me more," he giggled. Returning with very red faces, Alec Witherington and

Peter Goudie, admitted only partial success. Mr Witherington, 52, who has been impotent for four years, said it was better than previous cures hut had not worked for him.

Mr Goudie, 63, who has suf-

said the pressure of being packed off to a hotel for an hour was too much."There was some improvement hut nothing to get excited about,"

Not so Peter Brown, 50, who has not had sex for four years. "As we got out of the car at the hotel I felt myself getting flushed. It started in the lobby," he said shyly. Then getting in the mood, he grinned. "I could go another ten rounds."

Caring as ever, Richard cut them off mid-sentence and rushed to announce the daily quiz. "If you were prescribed Viagra you would be a) impotent h) important c) incompetent. Well, that's caring TV for you.

Young driver's mistake killed five

By Paul Watson

FOUR TEENAGERS and a 12month-old baby died after the "inexperienced" driver of a high-powered car seemingly lost control and smashed into an oncoming milk lorry on a country road, an inquest was told yesterday.

Stephen Dawson, 19, of Durham City, had never passed a driving test and had been

banned for motoring offences. The smash claimed the lives of Mr Dawson, his best friend Lee Foster, 19, and Mr Foster's 17-year-old fiancée, Jacqueline Rennick, his youngest sister Rebecca Foster, 16, and his son Jake.

Such was the force of the smash that Jake was thrown almost 100 feet from the Vauxhall Carlton.

The inquest heard that all five victims died from severe brain damage and fractured skulls after the crash on the A691 near Witton Gilbert, Mr Foster died during surgery in Dryburn Hospital, hut the others were killed instantly.

Lee Foster had bought the car days before the crash.

The inquest heard how the vehicle came over a rise on the road seemingly out of control, clipped a kerb and veered across the carriageway into the path of the milk lorry, where it was hit on the passenger side. The lorry travelled a short distance with the car crushed underneath before it broke free.

The lorry's driver, Michael Thorburn, 45, of Morpeth, Northumberland, was unscathed.

The West Durham coroner, Andrew Tweddle, recorded a verdict of accidental death. He told the victims' families: "It's quite likely that Mr Dawson lost control of the car possibly as a result of inexperience, excessive speed or a combination of

"There are times when we all drive inappropriately for whatever reason, and for the most part we get away with it, but in this case the driver and passengers paid the ultimate price.



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Met admits errors in Lawrence case

SIR PAUL Condon, the Metro- By KATHY MARKS politan Police Commissioner, admitted yesterday that his of-ficers made fundamental errors jected allegations of prejudice. in the Stephen Lawrence murder investigation, but denied that racism or corruption played any part in the case.

Delivering Sir Paul's final submission to the public inquiry into Stephen's death, Jeremy Gompertz, QC, said the force was determined to learn from its mistakes. But he added: "The Metropolitan Police Service will not 'roll over' and accept blame for everything which is wrong in society in Britain today.

"The service accepts that it is a key player in the elimination of racism in this country. but we are not solely responsible for this task."

In a separate submission for the senior detectives who led the murder inquiry, Sonia OC. attacked Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen, for playing "the race card" and said Mrs Lawrence's mistrust of police contributed

"The service accepts there was some insensitivity by some po-lice officers which may have been perceived as racism, but denies the investigation was 'permeated by racism', whether overt or subconscious," he said.

The commissioner also disagreed with the views of Dr Robin Oakley, an eminent consultant to the Met on race issues, who told the inquiry he believes there is a culture of institutional racism within the

Mr Gompertz acknowledged incompetency, saying many mistakes were made, "some of them serious". He added: "But the nature of the crime and the lack of evidence, as opposed to information, were partially responsible for a mediocre investigation.'

He also defended the muchcriticised decision of senior detectives to delay arresting the to the breakdown of relations. five prime suspects - Jamie



Acourt, Neil Acourt, David Norris, Luke Knight and Gary Dobson - for a fortnight. It was a "sound and reasonable" decision, he said.

After Stepben was murdered by a white gang in a race attack in south-east London in 1993, police missed an opportunity to secure useful details from a key informant at an early stage, Mr Gompertz said. Some important witnesses were not well handled, certain

suspects were eliminated too quickly and identification pa-

rades were not always properly conducted.

Mr Gompertz said that officers accepted the principal share of responsibility for the rapid deterioration of relations with the Lawrence family. Stephen's friend, Duwayne Brooks, should also have received better treatment, although it had been "legitimate" for police at the scene to regard him initially as a suspect.

Mr Gompertz said there was no evidence to substantiate the Lawrences' claim that detectives colluded with the criminal families of the suspects to ensure they escaped justice. The scenario would have necessitated a widespread conspiracy involving at least seven officers, which was "highly improbable".

In a foreword to the written version of the final submission, Sir Paul acknowledges the significance of the public inquiry, saying it "has funda-mental implications for the Metropolitan Police Service, for policing nationally and for society as a whole".

The inquiry continues today

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Amy Jenkins, top, Jude Law, above, and Ewan McGregor will all contribute to Sky's movie 'Tube Tales', the first of five full-length films it is to make, costing £2m - £6m each. They will be produced within the next two years

Sky turns to movie-making as age of digital TV dawns

THE SATELLITE television By JANE ROBINS company BSkyB yesterday Media Correspondent moved into the movie business with the announcement that it will make five feature-length

films in the next two years. The chief executive Mark Booth said the first of the films, each costing between £2m and story of two life experiences on the London Underground Ewan McGregor from Trainspotting will make his directorial debut for the film alongside Jude Law, who starred in Wild, and Amy Jenkins, who wrote BBC2's This

Life.
The film forsy raises the stakes in the company's battle with the Granada-Cariton joint venture ONdigital to secure subscribers for the new digital

television service Sky will launch on 1 October.

Mr Booth said BskyB wanted to sign contracts with more BBC presenters following its recent success in securing the £6m, will be Tube Tules, a services of the veteran film reviewer Barry Norman and the football pundit Jimmy Hill. As part of Sky's attempt to secure universal acceptance and respectability the company would be interested in bidding to film the Queen's Christmas message when ITN's contract runs

out next year. In an enthusiastic presentation of his expectations for digital. Mr Booth said the company's research showed that 14

Christmas. Sky was confident of reaching its target of 200,000 subscribers this year.

Premier League football would be available on pay-perview next season but Mr Booth was anxious to improve Sky's image in the eyes of its customers with soothing messages about the continuing availability of the wide range of matches on the general Premier League service.

Acknowledging that during the Manchester United negotiations, Sky has been portrayed as in a hostile way, he emphasised the need for the company to build trust with consumers. He gave a number of pledges on the future of Manchester United, including percent of households wanted an assurance that BskyB

to buy digital television by would not change kick-off times to suit Asia or America. "That," be said, "was obvious-ly a dumb idea." He reassured supporters that BskyB would not change the name of Manchester United or move it from Old Trafford.

In support of the recent speech in Edinburgh by his colleague Elisabeth Murdoch, daughter of Sky's main shareholder Rupert Murdoch, he said his company perceived the BBC in a wholly favourable light, and praised its efforts to develop digital channels.

Personally he said, he supported the continuation of the licence fee as the best way of funding the BBC - a position directly opposed to that taken by The Sun, a newspaper which is owned by Mr Murdoch.



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Pupils with special needs face 'lottery'

THE FATE of children with learning difficulties remains a lottery and the growth in the number with "statements" of special needs should be investigated, the Audit Commission

said yesterday.

Parents battling for a place for their child in an ordinary school are three times more likely to succeed in some education authorities' areas than in others. And in some areas, only a few are assessed within the recommended time for a statement, which gives a right from being educated in mainto extra help. In others, the process is completed for all within the 18-week deadline. schools has risen from 40 to 55 However, a report from the commission says delays have decreased: last year nearly half councils produced a draft statement within the target time compared with 40 per cent a year earlier.

But in the past five years the number of children with statements has risen by 35 per cent as parents have become more aware of their rights and schools have pressed for statements because of financial

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difficulties. There are 1.3 million people under 20 with special educational needs, one in eight of the age group. About 260,000 of them have statements.

Around £2.5bn out of the total schools budget of £18bn is now spent on special-needs services, an increase of 25 per cent in six years.

Most parents of such children believe they will benefit stream schools and, since 1992, the proportion in ordinary per cent

Big variations between authorities remain, however. In Barnsley in South Yorkshire, for instance, the proportion of the school population in special schools is 0.6 per cent compared with 2 per cent in nearby Rotherham. In Greenwich in London, 26 per cent are in special schools.

Paul Vevers, the commission's director of audit support, said increasing expectations of parents and the A statement details the help growth in the activities of vol-needed by a child with learning untary bodies offered one ex-

planation for the increase in the number of statemented children. "In addition, there is still in many authorities a significant financial incentive for schools to get a child statemented because they then receive extra money," Mr Vevers said. "We want to persuade local authorities to switch resources to help schools without tying the money to statements.

He added: "If this sort of growth in the number of statemented children continues, we are going to have a finite amount of money spread very thinly across more and more



Cornish artist Sue Hill has sculpted this giant head on the mound of a tree root in the famed Heligan Gardens at St Austell, Cornwall. We wanted to embody the spirit of the garden,' she said. 'Heligan is theatrical and playful'

Child misses year of school

YVONNE WELLS-Richardson, By LINUS GREGORIADIS whose son is profoundly autistic, is one of thousands of parents who have spent months agonising while local authorities

decide their children's future. Thomas, 9, has not been in a classroom for more than a year since his mother removed him from a school which she thought unsuitable for a child

with his special needs. After asking Solihull Local Education Authority in Birmingham for a reassessment of Thomas last October, Ms Wells-Richardson had to wait until July this year for a statement. The delay has proved costly for her son, who suffers from

epilepsy, severe communica-tion problems and incontinence. Wells-Richardson claimed: "Solihull LEA should have completed the re-assessment by March but they didn't produce the statement until July." She said that she requested a place at a school which has a unit for children

with autism but there was such a delay that the place was lost. After rejecting a place at another authority school because she thought it was not suitable, Thomas's case is now going to

a tribunal, which will not be heard until January. "With Thomas still out of school we could be looking at an independent school which will cost an arm and a leg," said Ms

Wells-Richardson. She added: "I have repeatedly rejected this school on the grounds that it doesn't meet the

needs of a child with autism." Ms Wells-Richardson has set up a group called Speaak which stands for "supporting parents

for early action for autistic kids". "I'm not alone in having these problems," she said.

A spokeswoman for Solihull LEA said: "We are not able to comment on individual circumstances. To do so would be a breach of confidentiality."

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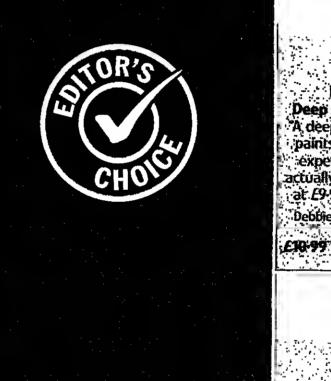
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THE TRIAL of the two alleged Lockerbie bombers moved a step closer yesterday after the Arab League put pressure on the two sides to resolve their differences. Foreign Ministers of the 22-member League urged Britain and the US to hold talks with Libya over terms for a trial.

IN BRIEF

Court finds Scout mistress guilty

SCOUT LEADER Sarah Hubert faces a possible jail term

attempting to pervert the course of justice and bailed.

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charges of indecent assault. She was cleared of

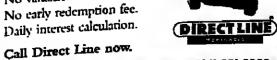
over her affair with a 14-year-old boy. A jury at Bournemouth Crown Court found Hubert, 25, guilty of two

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yesterday. The virtual casinos, which are illegal to run in

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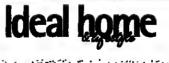


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Minister condemns A-levels

A GOVERNMENT minister BY BEN RUSSELL launched a scathing attack on in Manchester the A-level "gold standard" yesterday, saying it was out of place in the modern world.

Baroness Blackstone, the Higher Education minister, told universities they should insist on applicants studying a far the traditional three A-levels university admissions system, saying academics could he missing "potentially brilliant" students by relying on A-levels. riculum was designed for a

She told the annual meeting of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals in Manchester that universities should act to bring into higher education thousands more mabroader range of subjects than ture students and people from poor backgrounds. The ministaken by most sixth formers. ter said: "It is increasingly And she called for reform of the clear that the traditional model is wrong, both for young people themselves and for the nation,

"The traditional post-16 cur-

world which no longer exists cation was the preserve of a highly specialised elite." The problem "has bedevilled the English and Welsh education system for too long".

She said: "It is a fact that young people in England and Wales typically follow a narrower programme of study at advanced level, and are taught for less time, than young people in other European countries. There is, frankly, no good reason why this is so."

er study in sixth forms was to be introduced from 2000 with a from professional backgrounds a world in which higher edube welcomed, but warned it new key skills" qualification in entering higher education as fits, who make up one in ten of might lead to an increase in four-year degrees if standards were to be maintained in highly specialised subjects such as engineering. Martin Harris, Manchester University vicechancellor and the committional three A-level course. tee's chairman, said: "There is a challenge for all of us in rec-

> degree programmes in the developed world." Reformed A-levels, including a new half-size AS-levels, are to

communications, computing and applied maths. Ministers hope the changes will encourage sixth formers to take five or more subjects, while maintaining the rigour of a conven-

Lady Blackstone said universities should act to make onciling a broader 16 to 19 cursure young people from poor riculum with one of the shortest backgrounds had a real chance of entering higher education.

Middle-class teenagers dominate universities, with three times as many young people

those from working class homes, Lady Blackstone said: "I want you to look at your admissions policies. Are you missing promising, perhaps even potentially brilliant, candidates by not being imaginative

enough in the way you select people?" She called for more opportunities for part-time students and the expansion of evening classes run by university departments.

From next year, university tuition fees will be waived for

part-time students on beneall part-timers in higher education. An extra 15,000 fulltime undergraduate places will be created, with 20,000 part-time places, as part of the Government's effort to attract an extra 500,000 students into further and higher education by 2002.

Professor Harris denied that universities discriminated against any social group and said he wanted to offer opportunities to all people capable of benefiting from a university

Jewish leader angers women

BY CLARE GARNER

LORD JAKOBOVITS, former Chief Rabbi of Britain, has dismissed the plight of women whose husbands refuse to grant them a Jewish divorce as "a marginal problem". Women reacted to his remarks with

He said the figures cited for agunot - known as "chained women" - were exaggerated and that the solution was fewer divorces. "We know they don't run into bundreds," he said "It's not even 100. If we want to solve the problem of agunot, have less divorces. We are dealing with a marginal problem, not the core of the problem.

His remarks, at an Interna tional Council of Jewish Women (ICJW) forum on "Halachic solutions to the problems of agunot" and reported in today's Jewish Chronicle, infuriated campaigners and victims.
Rosalind Preston, who

chaired the 1994 "Women in the Community" review commis-sioned by Lord Jakobovits's successor, Dr Jonathan Sacks. said his speech "underlines why we have this problem". She took issue with his calculation of the numbers of women affected, saying: "If there are so few, bow come there are so many in this room?"

The 125-strong audience included a woman from Leeds who has been "chained" for 46 years and a Londoner who had waited 20 years for her "get", or religious bill of divorce. Sandra Blackman, 59, recently "freed" after seven years, said: "There was an atmosphere of anger among the whole audience."

According to campaigners, husbands refuse to grant their wives a "get", even when a civil divorce has gone through, as a bargaining counter or simply out of vindictiveness.

Lord Jakobovits said yesterday that he had not intended to "belittle the tragedy" suffered by "chained women", but wanted the ICJW to pay more attention to the high di-

vorce rate, " June Jacobs, forum chairwoman and world ICJW president, said she was saddened by

Warning: homework can harm

HOMEWORK IS not always a good thing. Much of the evidence about its benefits is inconclusive and the case for it in a week and those over 11 beprimary schools is weak, a paper published today says.

As the Government prepares the first national guidelines on how much homework pupils should do and pours money into homework clubs, academics from London University's Institute of Education attack the view that homework necessarily raises

In a review of nearly half a century's research on homework, Dr Susan Hallam and Dr Richard Cowan also warn parents who help their children with bomework that their efforts may be counterproductive.

Homework tends to increase when schools are under pressure, says the paper to be presented at a British Psychological Society conference on education. In 1883 after "payment by results" for teachers was introduced, time spent on homework rose sharply until parents and social reformers campaigned for a reduction.

In 1929, a leading education found that 11-year-olds were

tween 7.5 and 20 hours. (The Government proposes just over four hours for 11-year-olds and up to 12.5 for secondary pupils.)

By 1935, school inspectors were recommending a reduction for the under 12s but in the Sixties a government report called for more after research revealed a divide between grammar school pupils, who did a lot, and secondary modern ones, who did very little.

The new paper argues that most research into the effect of homework on standards has been unable to separate it from the effect of other factors such as ability, the quality of teaching and teachers' expectations.

Much of the evidence in this country comes from inspectors and, most recently, the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted). It is based on observations in schools and does not take into account individual achievements.

An Ofsted report three years ago commented cautiously of homework: "Where it is treated seriously by staff and pupils, journal asked "Is homework it has the potential to raise stan-necessary?" after a survey dards." Dr Hallam's paper says that homework does appear to



Battles over homework may be unnecessary - even pop music in the background can be an aid to concentration

school exams. It continues: "Simply increasing pupil work-loads will not of itself improve standards and in some cases where pupils become overloaded may have a negative impact on the performance of

individual children."

and there should be more investigation of what types of homework are most effective.

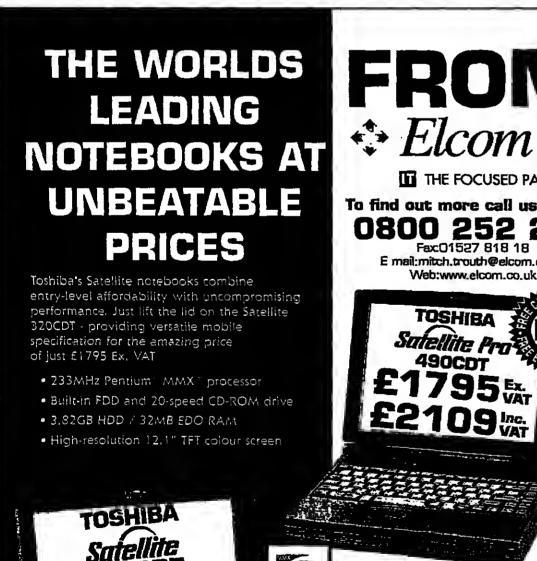
Many people see disadvantages in homework - it can increase negative attitudes to school and motivation, lead to

authors, is quality not quantity, increase divisions between children from different backgrounds. But it also offers the opportunity to spend more time on a task, to memorise facts and to encourage independent study and time management. Recent studies suggest that

ing their children with homework may be misguided. One effect on children's achievement Another, from London University's Institute of Education, suggested that middleclass parents who help with

tension by comparing siblings and by projecting their own ex-

found that mothers' help had no -- periences on to their children. Those parents infuriated by offspring who persist in writing essays in front of the television or to the din of Oasis should keep cool. Background noise



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One man's £7m gift turns stately home into an art gallery for the people



more enjoyable for the wider public will be realised with the completion of a gallery at I will make it a nice day out, Compton Verney, an 18thcentury stately home lying in 40 acres of Capability Brown

Peter Moores, the 66-yearold multimillionaire philanthropist from the Littlewoods Pools family who bought the derelict house in 1993, announced a £7m gift yesterday to complete the transformation of the Warwickshire mansion into an art museum.

Just as significantly, he is providing £1m a year for running costs and an art purchase budget of £800,000 a year, something of which most regional galleries can only dream.

Mr Moores has already spent £5m on buying 300 paintings and over the past few years has put £7m into the renovation of the house - a sum he is now doubling.

He opened the art gallery on a trial basis for local residents this summer and will now shut it for a year while architects Stanton Williams complete a huge restoration and landscaping project. It will open properly in 2000 as an interactive art gallery like none other in Britain.

"Too often people find museums intimidating and bor-

with luncheon and a walk round the garden," said Mr Moores.

The entrance hall has a message from Mr Moores saying: "Compton Verney is opening so you can get as much fun out of

He said yesterday he would be displaying only "arresting images or arresting subjects" He added: "It has to be art that speaks to me. No one is going to look at men in wigs and hlack costumes. But people stop to look at a women in a hlack Spanish dress."

Brian Hayton, the gallery director, added: "Peter wants to share his enthusiasm. When we reopen there will be interactive displays, perhaps with something as simple as a stereoscopic viewer looking at pictures.

"With portraits, for example, we will ask why is the sitter dressed as he is?

We will show the effects of different lighting on pictures. We will spend the next year exploring the technology and the most effective methods of involving visitors."

The house near Stratfordunon-Avon has already been painted off-white and its lower





Peter Moores wanders through part of the collection of Italian art and (top left) the exterior of the refurbished stately home

has 26 miles of pipes under the was the home of the Willoughby there celebrated VE Day by tipfloors to warm the building by ping the balustrades of the de Broke family until they sold heat extracted from the lake

using heat exchangers. The history of Compton Verney reads like a mixture of Evelyn Waugh's Brideshead Revisited and Dads Army.

Designed in the 18th century by Robert Adam, in ing, or don't go to see art at all. floors painstakingly restored. It Capability Brown grounds, it

it in the 1920s.

During the Second World War it became the School of Smoke Camouflage where Army scientists formulated a plan to combat the Luftwaffe with vast clouds of smoke over British cities

The Pioneer Corps stationed illuminating for the art histori-

Adam Bridge into the lake.

The house stood empty until the Eighties, when husinessmen had a plan for an opera house, the Glyndebourne of is fulfilling his dream for a layish, scenic gallery that will be

an and yet fun for the family. The categories in the collection comprise 19th-century naive art; British portraits (in-

chuding a portrait of Henry VIII from the "Circle of Holbein"); and Oriental works of art, especially Chinese ritual brouzes. There will be 15th and 16thcentury North European paint-

to British folk art.

noese artists (including a £1.3m The Incredulity of St. Thomas, his most expensive purchase so

There is also a room devoted Mr Moores is adamant that no air of solemnity should surings; 17th-century Baroque round the collection. He has artist meant this to be funny?

paintings by Neapolitan and Ge-arranged for local schoolchildren to help him to hang his folk art collection and has set aside a room in which they can play

once they have seen enough. He has also asked them to write comments under some of the paintings. Under a painting of an inordinately long pig is the

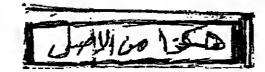


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Mandelson denies Post Office sell-off

PETER MANDELSON offered INDUSTRY unions a choice between "opposition and legitimate influence" yesterday and seemed to rule out privatisation of the Post Office.

In his first speech since becoming Trade and Industry Secretary, he warned the TUC ernise, with the result that inthe Government would "never be a soft touch".

Derek Hodgson, general secretary of the Communication Workers Union, took Mr Man-"no decision had been taken to privatise the Post Office" as an indication that it would remain thought, however, that there is on the Post Office issue.

Mr Mandelson, who worked for the TUC 20 years ago, received a polite reception.

John Monks, TUC general secretary, regarded the speech remains deep suspicion in the vices to members; developing movement about Mr Mandel- partnerships with employers

BY BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

son's views. The minister acknowledged that unions had

made "huge efforts" to modconference in Blackpool that dustrial relations had been transformed in many companies from the old-style battlefield to new-style co-operation. "But that modernisation must go further still. Indeed if my ending," said Mr Mandelson.

He believed passionately wholly-owned by the state. He tial and drew attention to the said that private conversations movement's failures. Only 6 had reinforced that view. It is per cent of young employees were union members and only a continuing rift in the Cabinet 18 per cent of those under the age of 30. "The density of trade union membership is the lowest in the fastest growing sec-

tors of the economy," he said. He advised that unions should concentrate on three as "encouraging", but there areas; delivery of better ser-

and welcoming their profits, and working with the government to protect employees and develop public services. Trade unionists bad to make the choice between "opposition or legitimate influence". The debate should not be about whether unions were too strong or weak; the choice was effective, modern unions or ineffective organisations "frozen in time".

The Trade Secretary refused to guarantee that the "Fairness at Work" White Paper would be implemented in full Employment rights legislation had to be seen to be "fair and balanced" to win enduring support.

Mr Mandelson was expected to place a limit on compensation for unfair dismissal while the White Paper calls for its removal. "This legislation won't turn back the clock to the days of strikes without ballots, flying pickets and mass action. What it will do is demonstrate it is possible to have flexibility in the workplace and to treat



Review, page 3. Peter Mandelson at the conference in Blackpool yesterday

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Words of friendship from man in a sharp suit

THE BALLROOM of the Winter Gardens is an old-time symphony of plaster elegance, all red plush balconies ornate rhomboids in the ceiling and winged gryphons looking down on the whirling throng. Except that, at conference time, a shocking irruption of steel mesh girders turns the noble room into a vile modernist installation piece: steel lighting gantry, steel lectern, steel video

Would Peter Mandelson bring some New Labour steel to the plaster cherubs and globe chandeliers of the ancient palais de danse that is did he have something else on his mind as he sat between John Edmonds and John Monks, smiling into a pointblank barrage of cameras as he waited to speak.

It was a big moment - his first speech to the TUC, his first big, public speech as Trade and Industry Secretary, his first real-life address to the Labour movement en

He looked immaculate in dark suit, red tie, blinding but he did a fair impersonwhite shirt and matching teeth. But as he looked this way and that before the exploding lights, you could see their debate on the single

At the podium, a delegate was banging on about "crooks and spivs" in Russia - Mandelson's grin was fixed. Were they having a go? When John Edmonds introduced him, joshingly as - "a TUC employee who's made good" (Mandelson once worked at Congress House in his early 20s), was there a hint of lese majeste in the air?

He needn't have worried-Mandelson was never likely to tread on anyone's toes in this crucially important ballroom. Not for nothing had he sat, rewriting draft after draft with his distracted PPS, all the way from Euston on the 6.35pm the night before.

This was a speech with buy friends, win supporters, convert the sceptical. He paraded his TUC credentials (without mentioning that he parted company from them acrimoniously, after his pre-cocious visit to James Callaghan in Downing

Street). He praised his Minister of State, Ian McCartney, a portly Congress glad-hander last seen schmoozing in the bar of the Stakis Hotel at 1am in his green, golfing-tourist T-shirt. Mandy even dragged in

his own grandfather to illustrate how the unions saved the Labour Party in the Thirties. He praised the unions for being unions. Look at me, he seemed to say - I'm your friend. We can work this out together. He did everything to woo Congress short of actually calling it "Darling" and taking it out for hunch at Robert's Oyster Bar

It was all a little too simple. He emphasised partnership, harmony, mutual respect and co-operation - all words which, if you looked them up in Roget's Thesaurus, you'd find under the heading of

THE SKETCH



JOHN WALSH

He said John Prescott had

been right. And Gordon Brown was right. And the Tories were all wrong. He told Congress they could trust him, (Phew). He told them he believed in unions. (What a re-British trade unionism? Or lief). He told them that, from now on, they'd get only candour, straight-talking "and no more spin - honest". A shout of laughter went up, as the delegates considered the phenomenon of a leopard promising an end to all that spots nonsense. Mandelson is not an accomplished actor there's something too contained and held-in about him, with those minimal hand movements, that angular Easter-Island-statue head ation of a schoolteacher congratulating Class 3b on their needlework. How sensible currency had been. How right. they were to worry about safe working conditions. Well done. His own preference, he told them, was for unions that were "modern, democratic, representative and influential, as if the hall might be full of people who "preferred" some other kind.

But just at the moments when they might have felt weary of being patronised by this sharp-suited, permasmiling reassurance salesman, be did something brilliant. He regarded the shirt-sleeved, bearded and truculent delegates sitting sideways on their metal chairs, holding their mimeographed resolutions, and did the political equivalent of div-

know some you..."(pause) "... in this hall..."(pause) "... will have a bigger question at the back of your minds." (Pause).

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The audience's collective brain raced. What could the question be? "Where did you get that suit?" "Would you recommend a Nokia 500 or a Motorola 750 for motorway conversations?" "What's the capital of Uruguay?". But no -the question was, "Where do you think, Peter, the trade unions fit into your bright, knowledge-based future?" Neat, eh? The answer was as banal as you'd expect. But telling the conference that when they addressed him they naturally called him "Peter" - now, that was a masterstroke.

After that they were putty in his hands. Instead of mentally saying, "Look here, Mandelson, you bastard ...", the union members mentally tried a different tack-"Peter?

Have you got a minute ...?"

For all his hark-at-me selfdeprecation about image and spin, playing the personality card turned out to be Mandelson's winner after all.





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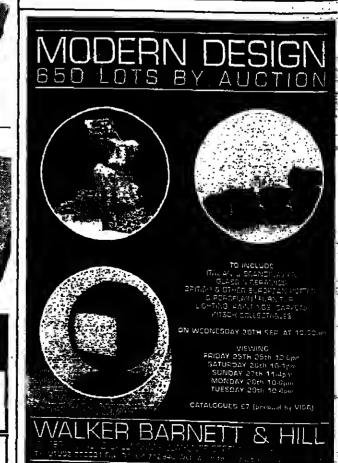


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Grizzlies pushed 'towards extinction'



THE GRIZZLY bear, symbol of BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY North America's wilderness, is under severe threat in one of its heartland habitats, a report

said yesterday. lumbia in a way that will put it on the road to extinction, says the Environmental Investigation Agency. The London-based group says the British Columbia government regards grizzlies as a species to be hunted, yet has no idea how many there are in the province.

Its estimate of 10,000 to 13,000 may be a 300 or 400 per cent overestimate and with unreported kills by poachers the population is likely to be dwindling faster than the bears can reproduce, says the agency.

The forest habitat is also under continual widespread assault from clear-cut logging, road-building, mining and other industrial developments.

The agency has a track record in highlighting early warning signals of major declines in important species. It attempt to actually count the provided much of the evidence of large-scale ivory poaching, which led to the 1989 ban on commercial trade to try to save the African elephant.

Now it wants an immediate moratorium on trophy-hunting of grizzlies while a long-term review of the population is done and protected areas set up.

"The Government of British Columbia is clinging to a dangerous and irresponsible policreatures are in dramatic and possibly irreversible decline," says the agency chairman. Allan Thornton, himself from

British Columbia. The grizzly is a North American sub-species of the brown ursus arctos horribilis is big- agency's report.

Environmental Correspondent

ger, stronger and fiercer, Grizzlies, named for the white tinge It is being hunted in the Ca- on the fur, can stand seven nadian province of British Co-feet tall, weigh 850lb and kill a steer with one blow of a paw. They occasionally attack and

> Once they roamed from Alaska to Mexico but that range shrank drastically in the last century. They died out in California, which has the grizzly on its state flag, in 1925.

The animals are now concentrated in Alaska and west ern Canada, British Columbia's huge ancient forests holding up to a quarter of the grizzlies in North America. It is their very wildness that attracts hunt-ers. and they are the most prized American hunting trophy.

The British Columbia government issues 350 licences a year to kill grizzlies, but the agency says its method of estimating the population is "hopelessly flawed" without an animals. The agency estimates that for every two bears killed legally, at least one is killed illegally as a trophy or to supply the trade in bear parts used in traditional Chinese medicine. Still more are killed as "wounding losses" (shot animals that retreat into the forest to die unreported) and in road acci-

"British Columbia is placing the demands of a small prohunting lobby above conservaa Canadian I find shocking and outrageous," says Mr Thornton.

"The BC Government and its federal counterpart in Ottawa must act now to protect the grizzly bear, before it is too late." Last night the British Co-

bear, ursus orctos, which is lumbia government in Victoria found around the world, but the could not comment on the



A grizzly on the Pacific coast, endangered by hunters and poachers, varies its diet by digging up clams and other shellfish

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Passenger jets

the English countryside, safety experts reported yesterday. Errors by air traffic controllers and pilots were blamed for the near-miss between a Boeing 747 and a Gulfstream IV

in July last year. A report by the Department of Transport's Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) revealed that the Japan Airlines Boeing, carrying 268 passengers and 20 crew, and a Gulfstream private jet, owned by the ITT Corporation, were at one point a mile apart horizontally, and 100ft vertically. A few seconds later, the vertical separation had risen to 200ft but the horizontal distance narrowed to just three-quarters of a mile.

The AAIB said misses of this type, when the planes had been so close, were rare. Aircraft should be 1,000ft apart in height, but if that gap is smaller they should be three miles apart horizontally.

The near-miss took place at about 12,000ft above Lambourne in Essex. The report found that the Boeing, en route to Heathrow, was not descending at the minimum required rate of 500ft per minute and had not reported its correct speed to the con-

trollers. It added that the controller who gave authority for the Gulfstream - carrying three passengers and two crew from Sar-

dinia to Luton - to descend did

not apply the correct procedure. The AAIB said traffic conditions were light and the incident did not occur because of an "overload situation".

The Civil Aviation Authority parent body of the National Air Traffic Control Services (Nats), said yesterday it accepted all five of the report's safety recommendations. A spokesman said: "UK airspace is amongst the safest in the world and Nats is doing everything it can to maintain and improve that. The fact that we have accepted these recommendations shows we are committed to maintain-

ing our safety record." The CAA added that one of the reasons it had lobbied the Government for partial privatisation of Nats was because it did not have sufficient resources in the public sector. "We are looking at a public-private partnership to give us the resources we need to develop the UK air traffic control services to meet future traffic growth."

STEVE RICHARDS

'If the Blackpool TUC conference was a den, it was stuffed full of tame animals'

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Portillo calls for a caring **Thatcherism**

MICHAEL PORTILLO urged the Conservative Party to "go back ing new policies to enable people to help themselves rather than rely on the state.

While saying the Tories must display more compassion than they showed in their 18 years in ower, the former cabinet minster warned William Hague not to forget the party's achievements as he said "sorry" for their mistakes in government.

In an interview with The Independent, Mr Portillo said: Sleaze was obviously damaging to us; we joined and left the anism All these things are matters for an apology. But we must also remember what things we got right and to bold on to them. Maybe we need to go back to our roots rather than throw them overboard as Labour did in opposition."

Conceding that Tony Blair had invaded the Tories' natural territory, he insisted Mr Hague must recapture it rather than reposition the party on

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new ground, "If you find someone squatting in your house, the thing to do is evict him, not look

tacular casualty of the Tory rout when he lost his Enfield Southevening of a three-part series on Channel 4 in which he examines the causes of the defeat and starts to map out a new agenda for his party.

Worryingly for Mr Hague, the most striking lesson Mr Portillo drew from his five months making the programmes was the Tories' continuing unpopularity. When he filmed a "focus group" of former Tory voters, be found their impressions of the party just as negative as they were at the election. "That was the biggest disappointment," he said.

He believed the party's most urgent task was not to announce new policies but to change its image so it looked reasonable, sympathetic, atractive and united". He boped Mr Hague's frontbench team would be strengthened by the arrival of some new faces.

Although still sketchy, Mr Portillo's policy agenda sounds like Thatcherism with compassion, but based on community-led rather than government-imposed solutions. Filming in America, he was impressed by small towns where people intervened to stop problem children turning into juvenile criminals, and brought in a tough "workfare" regime for the jobless.

He is convinced there is scope to devolve welfare, health and education to local communities, believing that the Tory reforms between 1979 and 1997 were flawed because they gave too much power to central

Mr Portillo is sure people want to help themselves, even in Britain's poorest areas. "The more responsibility you give to people, the more responsible citizens you get," he said.

By over-centralising, he said. the Tories had "departed from our own principles and sowed the seeds of our own destruction". Refusing to blame John Major, he said: "We were all in

sponsible." He believed the seminal moment" in the Tories' decline was the resignation of Nigel Lawson as Chancellor in 1989, after which Lady Thatcher did not have enough cabinet support - "no government can be a one-man

Lady Thatcher, his political heroine, declined to appear in Mr Portillo's programme; in turn, he gave her a mild rebuke for saying recently that the Tories could not win the next election. Things can change very dramatically in politics," he said. "All members of the team

really must believe that." He will be voting "les" in this month's Tory ballot on the single currency, supporting Mr Hague's policy of ruling out membership in this Parliament and the next.

He declined to say whether he supported Lady Thatcher's view that the Tories should declare they would never take Britain into the euro, but his instincts are clear. Under a European-wide economic policy, Mr Portillo said, people would realise they had no influence over a bureaucratic and unaccountable body. "I understand what lies behind the European ideal but I believe we are in danger of achieving the very opposite of what its founding fathers intended. We risk tensions, conflicts and rivalries,"

Mr Portillo has enjoyed making his television series, and another programme about Spain, where his parents were born, is on the way. There are benefits in being an "outsider" from the political process, such as being able to speak his mind. But asked whether he wants to be an "insider" again, he replied: "Probably."

He may be tempted by a byelection, although he knows they can be high-risk affairs. It may not be easy for him to make a personal comeback. Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, explains in the programme why he and Mr Portillo both have an image problem, saving the majority of politicians are fencesitters who "creep around in the undergrowth" to maintain their

"The minority are the people strong personalities, with strong views, who are risktakers," he told Mr Portillo. You have paid the price for government; we are all re- being a risk-taker; so have L"

Hague to speak without fanfare

LAND OF Hope and Glory, the BY COLIN BROWN flying of the Union Jack and other overt shows of nationalism are to be dropped for the leader's speech at the Conservative Party conference.

In a break with tradition by William Hague, the leader's speech is being brought forward a day, leaving the departing party chairman, Lord Parkinson, to wind up the conference the next day with the 84-piece Bournemouth youth orchestra playing the traditional Land of Hope and Glory and times from the four corners of the UK, including Scotland the Brave and

Land of My Fathers.
Officials said there would party activists at the end of the Chief Political Correspondent

conference, but it had been decided to make Mr Hague's speech a "more business-like" address, more in keeping with his McKinsey management

consultant image.
It will be followed by a Tory theme tune, Spirit of the Fu-ture. Officials denied they were ready to steal Labour's election anthem, Things Can Only Get Better but with grumbles from some grassrocts supporters about Mr Hague's lack of impact against Tony Blair, party spin doctors believe moving the speech to Thursday will give still be a rousing send-off for the their leader a better chance to

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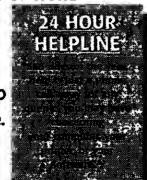
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THE INDEPENDENT Call Jobs slump 'will boost crime rate' For rape, oearly 60 per cent their beliefs about the consecutive be much less tought

AN INCREASE in the crime rate is being forecast by the Home Office because of the slowdown in the economy.

Christopher Nuttall, the Home Office's director of research, said yesterday that an upturn in crime would place an added burden on Britain's prisons, which are already seriously overcrowded.

The warning came as the Home Office released statistics

Home Affairs Correspondent

showing that courts were being increasingly tougher in sen-tencing offenders.

minant of the crime rate is the state of the economy," Mr Nuttall said. "If the economy starts to cool off, this will have an im-

"The largest single deter-

pact on recorded crime rates." With the prison population Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is anxious that the courts should make full use of alternatives to custodial sentences.

Figures released by the Home Office yesterday show that average sentences are continuing to rise. Since 1992, the average sentence length has increased from 19th months to 221/2 months.

Last year, 93,100 offenders

by the courts, an increase of 10 per cent on the previous year. In all courts, 22.6 per cent of

offenders were given immediate custody, the highest figure for at least 40 years. The use of cautions, fines, probation orders and commu-

nity sentences fell last year. Last week, the Home Affairs elect committee urged the courts to make greater use of

alternatives to prison, particu-larly community sentences. Senior government officials

are concerned that the severity exceeds public demand for harsher punishments.

In recent Home Office research, 55 per cent of people underestimated the courts' use of imprisonment for burglary by at least 30 per cent. Only 8 per cent overestimated its use.

of respondents were under the "If they think the risk of imimpression that fewer than two

out of three offenders were of sentencing by the courts far sent to prison. In fact, 99 per cent of rapists over the age of 21 are immediately jailed. The mismatch between

> public perceptions about senpressure for greater toughtencing and the reality matters," said Mr Nuttall. "People's actions will be affected by the threat of punishment, and by

prisonment is much less than it really is, then the deterrent effect will be weakened." He added: "Sentencers believe there is strong public

"Our research showed that the public did indeed think that the courts should be tougher

but they also believed them to be much less tough than they actually were."

Mr Nuttall said that when members of the public were asked to suggest an appropriate sentence for an offender after being given details of the offence and the person's criminal history - they invariably suggested a "significantly more lenieot seoteoce" than the

School plan in doubt after Straw resigns

CONTROVERSIAL PLANS to re- BY FRAN ABRAMS build the school attended by Jack Straw's son and daughter could collapse after the Home Secretary resigned as its chair of governors. Some governors of Pimlico School in central London are urging Mr Straw to stay on until a contract for the

project is signed. A vote on plans to knock down the landmark Sixties building and replace it with a privately built school and housing development was passed by 10 to 8 in July with Mr Straw's

Now the Home Secretary is likely to be replaced, at least temporarily, by a vice-chair isting building. They say the who is opposed to the idea. His fellow parent-governor, who also voted in favour of the plan, has stepped down from the board altogether and his seat will almost certainly be filled by

Mr Straw's son has left to go to Oxford University, and his daughter is in the sixth form.

Sources close to the Home Secretary said he had always planned to step down once July's vote on the public-private rebuilding initiative was over.

Supporters of the scheme have suggested Mr Straw was shaken by bad publicity over the plan, which is opposed by most parents and staff, and that he did not want to be involved in

Bianco, chairman of Westminster City Council's education am very sad Jack Straw felt he

there to see it through. The contract should be signed by the turn of the year."

The building's radical design, of concrete and glass, overheats in summer and leaks in winter It is also short of space. But most parents and staff want to refurbish the exschool will be highted by being a building site for years.

Westminster council and a say the building is irredeemable and that a bid by the St George's Partnership to combine a new school with 140 flats is the only viable option.

Michael Ball, the chair of the school's parent-teacher association, said: "The change of chair makes it more likely that the governors will see sense and start steering away from the rocks they have been steering towards."

Steve Barlow, a teacher governor, believes the project could destroy the school. He said: "There will be considerable further controversy. After gov. disruption for perhaps five



ernors voted for the plan in July, years. Many parents are bound The world yo-yo champion, Jenny B, giving an impromptu lesson in the art of yo-yoing, in Covent Garden, London, to mark the lanuch of the first yo-yo with a brain, the parents passed a motion of no to withdraw their children. Xomega X-Brain. It is made by Bandai, the company responsible for the Tamagotchi, a virtual pet that was popular with children last year Kalpesh Lothigrous the company responsible for the Tamagotchi.

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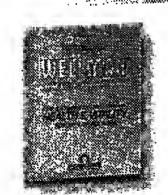
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Pitfalls await Queen's tour

THE QUEEN flew to Brunei yesterday to start a tour of South East Asia overshadowed by potential pitfalls and embarrassments. They include royal squabbles in Brunei, economic crisis in Malaysia, secu-rity threats and a leader with a longstanding suspicion of the

former imperial ruler. In the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, where the Queen arrives on Sunday to close the Commonwealth Games, officials confirmed letters had been received threatening bombs at the stadium. The threats are regarded as a Games

The biggest shadow over Malaysia is political – the fierce struggle being fought between the country's most charismatic young politician and its outspoken and erratically anti-British prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad.

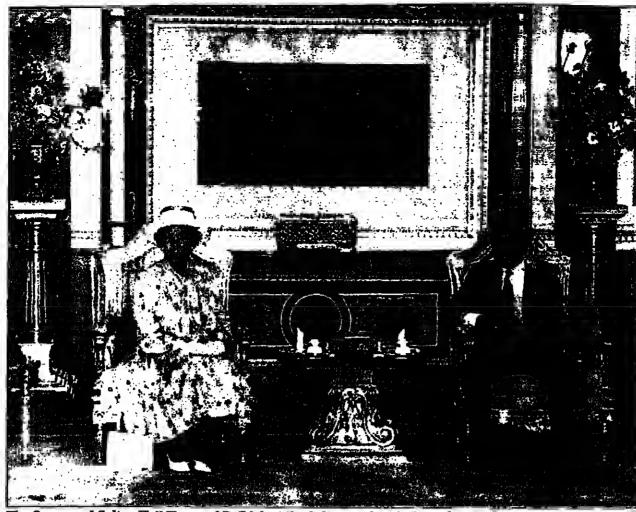
Throughout Dr Mahathir's 17 years in power, he has displayed an edgy, even hostile attitude towards the country's former colonial power. In the early Eighties, he mounted a "Buy British Last" campaign

By RICHARD LLOYD PARRY in Kuala Lumpur

after Margaret Thatcher's gov-ernment raised the fees charged to foreign students at British universities, many of whom were Malaysian. In 1994, he flew off the handle again after British newspapers exposed an aid-for-trade scandal surrounding the Pergau Dam. Recently, Dr Mahathir's penchant for pointing a proud, accusing finger at the former coloniser found a new outlet during the Commonwealth

At the opening ceremony last Friday presided over by the Malaysian king and attended by Prince Edward, the organisers presented a nationalistic dance dramatisation of Malay history, which some regarded as chauvinistic. Then came a 45-minute performance that portrayed the peaceful life of the native Malaysian peoples borribly overshadowed by inflatable plastic dragons, representing the malign forces of Portuguese

and British imperialism. "There was a certain



The Queen and Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah at the Sultan's palace in Brunei yesterday

amount of gnashing of teeth," one Commonwealth diplomat. said, "what with Prince Edward

being there." During the last two days of the state visit, before the Queen leaves next Wednesday, the focus will be on the increasingly heated political battle between Dr Mahathir and his former right hand man, Anwar Ibrahim. Mr Anwar was sacked two weeks ago as deputy prime minister and minister of finance. Devastatingly, for a devout Muslim, he has been accused of adultery, sodomy, consorting with prostitutes and

Mr Anwar has now embarked on a campaign of reform, demanding greater freedom of the press, improved human rights and an end to political manipulation of the police and judiciary. His nightly speeches have attracted crowds as large as 50,000, and police say his arrest is imminent.

Only one thing appears to be guaranteeing his liberty: the Games, and the imminent arrival of the Queen. "I believe their timing will be perfect," he said. "They will wait until Her

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Kohl fights it out in the east

HELMUT KOHL, riding high BY DARIUS SANAI after his party's unexpectedly strong showing in the Bavarian state elections last week, launched a final offensive yes-

terday in eastern Germany. The impact of this final leg of the national election campaign, covering states where parties on the far right have done well in recent voting, could prove crucial in the polls in 10 days.

The Social Democrats are also in a last-minute dash for votes in the former Communist East Germany.

Through a television and newspaper advertising campaign painting the eastern states, many of which are blighted by industrial wastelands and high unemployment, as "flourishing landscapes", Mr Kohl hopes to capture up to 40 per cent of the vote there.

He may have his work cut out. Opinion polls show support for his party to be at least 10 percentage points down on the

Analysts suggest the CDU

needs to win at least 35 per cent of the vote in the east to win nationally. With many people in the east still undecided, however, Mr Kohl's task is difficult

but not impossible. He staked his future on the regeneration of the east after masterminding Germany's reunification in 1990. Around 2300m was pumped into the area's industry and social infrastructure, only for mass closure of factories and businesses to ensue.

The result is a culture of re sentment and isolation, ideal breeding grounds for the farright parties which continue to reach double figures in polls. One recent survey showed that neighbouring areas of western Poland across the Oder river, which benefited from none of Bonn's largesse, are flourishing with low unemployment and 20 per cent growth, much to the chagrin of the deprived Germans of the states of Lower Saxony and Brandenburg.

19 slaughtered near border drug run

NINETEEN MEXICANS includ- By PHIL DAVISON ing women and children were Latin America Correspondent apparently lined up against a wall and shot at a farm near Ensenada, below the American border at San Diego, Mexican television reported yesterday.

A reporter for the country's Televisa network who arrived on the scene said he saw the bloodied bodies siumped by

of spent cartridge cases from what were thought to be AK47 assault rifles littered the area.

Tve never seen anything like this before. It's shocking," said the reporter, Jaime Nieto. Some reports said all the victims had been living in three the wall. There were mounds houses on a cattle ranch near-

of two survivors in the area but this could not be confirmed.

The Mexican authorities have now expelled reporters from the scene without offering any further information, the television station said.

Ensenada is a port city about 50 miles south of the border, lying between San Diego in California and Tijuana, in the

by and there were other reports Mexican state of Baja California. The area is a major smuggling point for cocaine - some believed to be from South America - a trade that both the United States and the Mexican authorities say is largely con-

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fights | President's four-hour video nasty THE WHITE HOUSE Was brace for the committee star for the committee sta



gress prepared to release a highly embarrassing videotape of President Bill Clinton.

Mr Clinton's image, already tarnished by revelations of his sexual habits and alleged cover-up efforts, will be ripped to shreds as Americans see a usually calm and avuncular man quarrelling with his ac-cusers, losing his temper and avoiding difficult questions.

The tape is a record of Mr Clinton's testimony to Kenneth Starr's inquiry into his sexual misdoings and attempts to cover them up. It shows the President as evasive and angry, sona of a man who is contrite about his past behaviour. He wavers over definitions of sexual acts, refuses to answer some questions, argues about others, which he says criminalise his private life, and is generally unhelpful.

He was, of course, conducting his defence in a legal context, but the appearance will do him grave damage. It will harm his image, and most importantly, confirm the view that he sought to avoid the truth.

The tape runs for four hours, covering the afternoon of 17 August which the President spent in the White House Map Room under questioning from Mr Starr's assistants. The President had spent the morning being briefed on planned missile strikes against Sudan and Afghanistan, a bizarre juxtaposition that cannot have containing highly personal rev-

helped his temper. He was also arguing with aides about the terms of a televised broadcast that evening to the American people on his misdeeds, a broadcast which at the time was deemed by many to be insufficiently contrite, and which indeed criticised Mr Starr The cable networks - CNN.

MSNBC and Fox News Channel - plan to air all four hours, virtually unabridged. They were scrambling to decide on the precise arrangements yesterday. In particular, there may be scenes or words that they do not wish to air, and some may use a tape delay. The main networks - CBS, ABC and NBC - will show excerpts, but probably not all of the tapes. All are aware that the timing - the tapes will probably be released this morning - means that they will have little time to review all four hours before they air it.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives met yesterday to approve the release of the tape. There was strong resistance from the panel's Democrats, but they are in a minority. The Republicans say it is important people see how the President tried to evade questions, as part of an effort to

show he is guilty of perjury. It is not just the videotape that is at issue: there are 2,500 pages well as 17 boxes of other material - transcripts, videos and audiotapes. Some of it is dynamite,

elations by witnesses, and some

of it may never be released. The committee started off by claiming that it would be a biwhether to launch impeachment proceedings: that has very quickly come to grief, and things are now little better than a barroom brawl. "They talk about wanting bipartisan co-operation but so far they have just been rolling over us," said Maxine Waters, a Democrat on the committee. "They have the

votes and they can do that." The possible consequences of recent events led the Congress to forge a unique agreethe other in forthcoming elections. It followed revelations that Henry Hyde, the Republican chairman of the Judiciary Committee, had been unfaithful to his wife more than 30 parties that the Clinton revelations would trip off a "sexual Armageddon", where every politician's dirty laundry was

washed in public. John Linder, chairman of the Republican campaign committee, and Martin Frost, his Democratic counterpart, agreed that neither organisation would fund candidates who use personal attacks.

"Initiating a personal attack on anybody running for office is simply off limits," said Mr Linder. "We are soon going to have no one of any stature willing to put themselves through this wringer, and it is sad for America."

Why America's seat at the UN is still empty

BETWEEN THE United Nations BY DAVID USBORNE and the United States there is in New York nothing but grief. The feud festers over unpaid US dues, tensions have mounted over policy towards Iraq and now, just as President Bill Clinton prepares to address the General Assembly on Monday, there is fore next year. this: Washington has no proper ambassador here.

left the post to become Energy Secretary in the Clinton cabinet. His successor is Richard Holbrooke, who achieved diplomatic celebrity in 1995 by brokering the Dayton Accord to since died. end the war in Bosnia. But Mr Holhrooke's confirmation by Holhrooke said he had made the US Senate has faltered because of a somewhat mysterious ethics investigation.

Inquiries into allegations of both the Justice and State departments meant that the White House last week missed a deadline for submitting his nomination to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in the letter - that he used Mr

headed by the irascible Senator Jesse Helms. With Congress due to go into recess on Holbrooke will be confirmed be-

A week ago, Bill Richardson sent to the State Department in US Ambassador to Switzerland, Larry Lawrence, who has

This week, lawyers for Mr "an honest mistake" by failing to disclose that, after returning from his job as ambassador to Germany in 1994, he lived rentmisconduct by Mr Holbrooke by free in an apartment belonging It should have been listed as a

"gift" valued at \$12,000. Mr Holbrooke, however, has said nothing about other claims

Lawrence to land a lucrative job with Credit Suisse First Boston, the investment bank, when he left government service in 1996 and that, once at the bank, he maintained improper contact

If Mr Holprocke has enemies - many consider him to be as The source of it all was an brusque as he is brilliant - he unsigned, poison-pen letter also has many friends who dismiss the allegations. Most diplo-July. Its author, presumed to be mats believe he will overcome an old foe, drew attention to Mr the charges. This week, Presi-Holbrooke's link with a former dent Clinton reaffirmed his choice, saying his friend was the victim of "inertia in Congress".

That, however, may not have helped Mr Holbrooke, whose greater ambition has long been to serve as Secretary of State.

Meanwhile, there is an awkward hiatus in US representation in the UN as the Iraq crisis threatens to erupt again and other burning issues include developments in North Korea and Russia. For now, America's seat on the Security Council is occupied by one of Richardson's deputies, Peter Burleigh.

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comment on a report that tests conducted in France and Switzerland contradicted US findings that Iraqi missiles were armed with deadly VX nerve gas before the 1991 Gulf war. The London-based Al-Hayat newspaper said it had learned that Switzerland and France had unofficially informed the UN secretariat that most of their tests of the samples of Iraqi warheads showed they were free of VX.

Indians perish in floods

TWELVE PEOPLE drowned and tens of thousands were evacuated to escape rising flood waters in the western Indian states of Gujarat and Maharashtra. About 50,000 people were evacuated after the Tapi river in Surat, in Gujarat, rose to dangerous levels.

Smoking set to kill one in five SMOKING IS hecoming a global health burden and could account for one of every five deaths within a decade, the

World Health Organization's head said. "Tobacco will be responsible for 2 million deaths, 20 per cent of all deaths in 2010," said Gro Harlem Brundtland. **Bombing suspect vanishes**

A MAN THAT US authorities suspect of involvement in the

bombing of the American embassy in Nairobi has disappeared. Abdallah Mohammed Fazul apparently boarded a plane on 22 August from Comoros to Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, then vanished two days after US officials asked authorities in Comoros to trace him.

Boy sad but glad after good deed A FLORIDA boy said yesterday he returned a briefcase full of jewels to its rightful owner because his mother told him to and that he was glad he had done the right thing. Still, William Hand, 11, found the episode a little depressing. "I was jumping up and down, singing We're in the money, we're in the money," he said.

SUZANNE MOORE

'I guess no man ever made it with the chat-up line: Has anyone ever told you that you could never be a model?'

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Pentagon pulls the plug on leaky net

BY ANDREW MARSHALL

AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURIty establishment has woken up to the fact that vast quantities of sensitive information on its staff, facilities and plans are available on the Internet.

In a parallel to the wartime campaign of "Careless talk costs lives," the Pentagon has clamped down on government Web sites that make life easy for Washington's adversaries. The key discovery, according

to USA Today, was that floor plans of the residence of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were posted on a Web site. The revelation came after

the US missile strikes on Sudan and Afghanistan, when the US refused to release details of the ships or aircraft involved in the operations. But anyone with access to the Internet could have quickly worked out which vessels were in place and discovered valuable information about their movements, equipment and personnel. The Internet holds vast

amounts of information that is security related, much of it distributed by the military. Though much of the infor-

mation is unclassified, it makes life for an amateur spy absurdly easy. Even the radio frequencies of secret transmissions from sites such as the highly classified Roswell Air Force Base ("Area 51" to UFO fans) are readily available.

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Spain's peace inspired by the Irish



SPANIARDS, and Basques, re-acted with joy yesterday to the declaration by the separatist group Eta of a permanent truce after 30 years of bloodshed.

While the conservative government in Madrid played down the radical nationalists' gesture, Basques themselves were encouraged and in some cases elated, though they stressed this was just the beginning. The Interior Minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, recognised that most people's reaction was "happiness and relief" but added that Eta's bloody record "proves that scepticism is nec-

Among Basques who have sought a peaceful solution for years, many feel the ceasefire marks the beginning of a long process that could end the conflict for good, with the bonus that the gunmen could participate with their honour intact.

The spirit and detail of the Irish peace process have been crucial. Eta's political allies have sought and received guidance in opening up their own peace process from Sinn Feir.

in Madrid

Martin McGuinness, for one, has advised the pro-Eta Herri Batasma party and visited the region in 1995, Other Sinn Fein leaders including Gerry Adams

have also been there. Joseba Pemach, regional spokesman for the Herri Batasuma (HB) in the Basque city of San Sebastian, said as much in an interview with The Inciependent last autumn when he said that his organisation had launched a discussion forum on Ireland and had invited other Basque parties to participate.

"If Madrid were to adopt something like a Downing Street declaration, we would study it with interest," he said.

For the first time HB was opening out to other forces, instead of remaining sealed inside its own rhetorical bubble, endlessly demanding that prisoners be brought nearer home, and haranguing even potential sympathisers about the nonnegotiability of an independent Basque homeland.

sponses came from a low-key non-party mediating group called Elkarri, which had for years sought to persuade all political forces of the need for a neogitated end to the conflict.

The softening of HB's approach followed one of Eta's worst recent attacks - the kidnapping and marder in July last year of the young Basque councillor Miguel Angel Blanco, which brought millions of Spaniards on to the street in protest. HB realised that it was alienating the very people it sought to win.

But the new line had quietly taken shape before July, during an HB visit to Northern Ireland. "This was decisive in changing their attitude," an Elkarri spokesman said yesterday. "Because until that moment, HB despite its good relations with Sinn Fein bad been sceptical about the IRA ceasefire and said the Irish and the Basque processes were not comparable. But on that visit, and after discussions with Sinn Fein. HB decided to aban-

One of the most positive re- don the hard line." It sent delegations and study groups to Ireland and deliberately copied Sinn Fein's rapprochement with John Hume's SDLP by seeking alliances with the centre-right Basque Nationalist Party and other democratic Basque forces.

The process even survived the imprisonment of the entire HB leadership in December for collaborating with gunmen. While still supporting Eta ("but not its violent methods?) HB began to carve out a political independence it had never had before and sought to supplant Eta as leader of the national in-

dependence movement. Eta has been seriously weakend recently by French and Spanish police action, although even the Interior Ministry admits its killing power remains intact. Meanwhile, the political climate has rarely been more disposed to we come Eta's offer after an Irish inspired agreement last week end among most Basque forces to launch a dialogue even with-

Is this the last gasp of European terrorism?

POSSIBLY, JUST possibly, the pression would be followed by "indefinite" ceasefire an- a mass popular uprising out of nounced on Wednesday which would emerge the leftist evening by Eta could mark the utopia. end of a long cycle of homegrown European terrorism, were the Red Brigades and which over some 30 years has taken in excess of 4,000 lives.

Eta's truce is not a trap. But if rious deed was the abduction the example set earlier this and murder in 1978 of Aldo year by IRA/Sinn Fein - with Moro, the Christian Democrat whom the Basque separatist leader, as he attempted to movement is said to have had reach an "historic comprofrequent and friendly contact - mise" with the Communists. is anything to go by, the omens are more than promising.

The political violence which began in four European countries at more or less the same time, had two distinct wellsprings. Despite operational contacts and structural similarities, the nationalist terrorists in Ireland and Spain had vastly different goals from the left-wing groups in the former West Germany, and the far right, soon joined by the far left, in Italy.

For Basques and Irishmen, it was a matter of achieving their own country. The slaugh-



Spanish councillor Miguel Angel Blanco, killed in 1997

ter they wrought was far greater: 800 dead in the case of the Basques, some 3,000 in all in Ireland if republican and loyalist atrocities are combined. The nationalists' targets were across the board: local and national politicians, policemen. soldiers and innocent civilians.

But for the terrorists in Italy and Germany, and to a far lesser extent France, the mayhem was on a much smaller scale. Its driving force was perverted ideology, driven by frustration at ossified, unrepresentative and exclusive political systems, which, they reasoned, could only be brought down by political violence.

In the case of the far right in Italy, whose deadliest deeds hand. were the 1969 Piazza Fontana bombing in Milan, and the Bologna train station massacre of 1980 - the deadliest single terrorist act in modern Italian history in which more than 80 people died - the theory was that random mass violence would create an irresistible far right, has links with the proclamour for the ultra-authori-

tarian regime they wanted. The logic of the left took the madness a stage further. Their attacks were directed against individuals - usually bankers. generals, or politicians - as symbols of a despised system. These murders too aimed to provoke a crackdown. But re-

In Italy the main groups Prima Linea (Front Line), spiritual heirs of the 19th-century No one can be sure that anarchists, whose most noto-

Their West German equivalent was the the Baader Meinhof gang, out of which grew the Red Army Faction (RAF). Their victims included the banker Hans-Jürgen Ponto, and Hanns-Martin Schlever, the industrialists' president.

But by the mid-1980s in Italy, and around 1990 in Germany, such terrorism was finished through a combination of good police work, pentiti or "repentant" terrorists in Italy, and a realisation that violence only increased, rather than undermined, the legitimacy of the sys-

tems they sought to overthrow. In Germany, although the RAF only formally dissolved itself earlier this year, the coup de grace was the disappearance of East Germany and the sanctuary it offered.

In Italy too the end of the Cold War allowed a more normal political system to emerge, rendering terrorism pointless. Only some of these factors

applied to the nationalist movements. But over 30 years they too have been worn down: by concessions granting them some of what they wanted, by the growing importance of political wings of their respective nationalist movements in Ireland and Spain, and a slowly dawning realisation that their wars were unwinnable.

Thus, if political momentum towards a settlement can be maintained, terrorism in both countries should logically be marginalised and ultimately

Terrorism of course tends to obey a logic of its own. But Euro-terrorism of the old variety seems on its death-bed.

What will remain is a cruder, less organised violence, mainly right wing, and racist and ultranationalist. It is hardly a threat to the system. But as ugly events in Germany, Italy, France and Britain show, it is not to be dismissed out of

locks horns with terrorism imported by the unwanted immigrants from outside Europe, it could get worse. The ingredients of trouble

abound. The Algerian population in France, so disliked by the tagonists in the savage war in Algeria proper.

Kurds in Germany meanwhile could find themselves mobilising against Germans instead of Turks. The threat of economic downturn only increases the threat.

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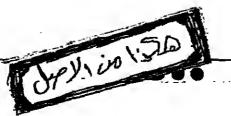
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line Hanson, whose One Nation party is attracting strong support among British immigrants in Brand

Whingeing Poms' can sway election

THE BRITS of Brand may hold the key to who rules Australia after the general election on 3 October

The Brand constituency is held with a slim margin by Kim Beazley, leader of the op-position Labor Party. But as the campaign enters its final fortnight, Mr Beazley is facing a challenge from Pauline Han-

son's populist One Nation party. The Hanson party has and a labrador dog named drawn strong support from the British immigrants who make up one-fifth of the population in this sprawling suburban stretch of project homes, shop-ping malls and fish-and-chip shops on Australia's west

guide, Australians could wake up on 4 October with a Labor lost his seat. And if that happens, nobody will be happier

By Robert Milliken in Sydney

than Lee Dawson, 33, a British immigrant standing as One Nation's candidate in Brand.

Mr Dawson emigrated to Australia from Manchester with his parents in 1974. He trained as a teacher, but left because "there was no money in it". Married with three children, Maggie Thatcher, he runs a carpet firm with his father.

. The rise of Mrs Hanson, who wants an end to Asian immigration and welfare spending on Aborigines, was the spur for Mr Dawson to enter this, his first election campaign. When Mrs Hanson visited Brand in July, she was cheered in the streets. Mr Dawson agrees with her calls to abolish controls on gun ownership. One press advertisement for One Nation



features a picture of Mrs Hanson above a quote from Mr Beazley. We have him in the crosshairs of our rifle." Little wonder, then, that Australians are focusing on the "Pom factor" in this constituency.

The British started emigrating in large numbers to the migrant from Manchester, is Brand region in the 1960s, when jobs in the oil and metal refineries, cheap land, sunshine and beaches offered heady prospects for a better life. The constituency's 110,000 people have the highest proportion of British-born residents in Australia. Unlike most parts of suburban Australia, it remains steadfastly white. There are few Asians, and Aborigines account for less than 2 per cent of the population.

Brand grew rapidly and, 30 years after the boom began, it is paying the price. The three main towns, Kwinana, Rockingham and Mandurah, lack public transport and other infrastructure. Unemployment, at 12 per cent, is four points above the national average. Youth unemployment is even higher, and crime is on the rise. Almost 40 per cent of the population left school at 15, and only 7 per cent have any tertiary qualifications.

The people of Brand feel abandoned by the two main groups in Canberra, the ruling conservatives of the Liberal-National coalition led by John Howard, the prime minister, and the Labor opposition. This the Hansonite approach, which revolves round bashing the big perties and a simplistic formula of helping "ordinary Aus-

not "assimilate". In June, a Perth newspaper poll gave One Nation 45 per cent support in Brand. Since the campaign started it has fallen to about 20 per cent, but it is still three times the national figure.

Unlike Mrs Hanson, who extends her nationalism to banning interviews with non-Australian newspapers, Mr Dawson is happy to discuss why Brits iove Brand - and Mrs Hanson, His campaign majors on stopping Asian immigra-tion and abolishing Aboriginal native title rights over traditional land. "It's un-Australian," he said of the latter, "It's not for the 100 per cent of us. It's for the 2 per cent who were apparently here before the rest of us." As they surely were, for 40,000 years? "We became Australian in 1901 (the year of federation]. That is when I would draw a line in the sand."

Graham Corp, another impresident of One Nation's branch in Mandurah. He is a former union organiser who now runs a driving school. "The Brits like to support someone like Pauline who'll stand up and speak out," he said.

To some, there is an element of the "whingeing Pom" factor in the Hanson phenomenon. Sally Cox, the (non-British) editor of the Mandurah Times, said: "Td hate to think there are British people who were welcomed to this country and then say they expect to keep it the way they want it and not let any other outsiders share it. But it's happening, and not just among the Brits. Some Greeks and Italians support One Nation on this

For his part, Mr Beazley is doing his best to shore up his base in Brand, which he won at the last election by just 387 votes. His chances look better than they did a few weeks ago. There are 11 candidates contesting Brand beside Mr Dawson. All 11 have decided to put One Nation last in the order of voting under the preferential system. Mr Dawson will need at least 50 per cent of the priing to rely on the distribution of preference votes.

It is a big ask, "but we can do it", he said, as he left for an intralians", by putting up barriers terview on an Aboriginal radio to foreign investment and imstation.

Bosnia peace hopes dashed

WESTERN HOPES of securing By DONALD SIMPSON a peaceful future for Bosnia in Banja Luka appeared to lie in ruins yesterda with unofficial reports that the pro-Western candidate in the elections to the Bosnian Serb leadership had lost to a hardline nationalist.

The initial results leaked by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which ran the poll, suggested that Biljana Plavsic has lost the race to remain president of Republika Srpska to Nikola Poplasen, of the Radical Party.

The secretary general of Mr Poplasen's party, Ognjen Tadic, accused OSCE on Wednesday of delaying the release of the official results because its strategy had collapsed.

"The election process had been a disgrace," he said. "The OSCE has had an unprofessional attitude. The organisation was ex-

pected to announce the results of the election earlier this week but cancelled the announcement abruptly and said the re-sult would be released in 10 Local journalists have also

condemned the running of the election and its allegedly chaotic administration, which has cost £20m and involved tens of thousands of local and foreign Since the 1995 Dayton peace

accord ended Bosnia's vicious ethnic war, diplomatic efforts to ease out supporters of the UNindicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic have centred on Mrs Voters were left in no doubt

that the West wanted Mrs Playsic, a former hardliner who moved into the peace camp, to be re-elected and to reappoint her pro-Western prime minister, Milorad Dodic.

That strategy has now failed

nationalists who started Bosnia's civil war in 1992 have triumphed in a free election,

run by a Western body. One worry is that if the half of Bosnia run by the Serbs is controlled by an ultra-nationalist, a fragile peace that has held since 1995 between the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat Federation may collapse, resurrecting the danger of a

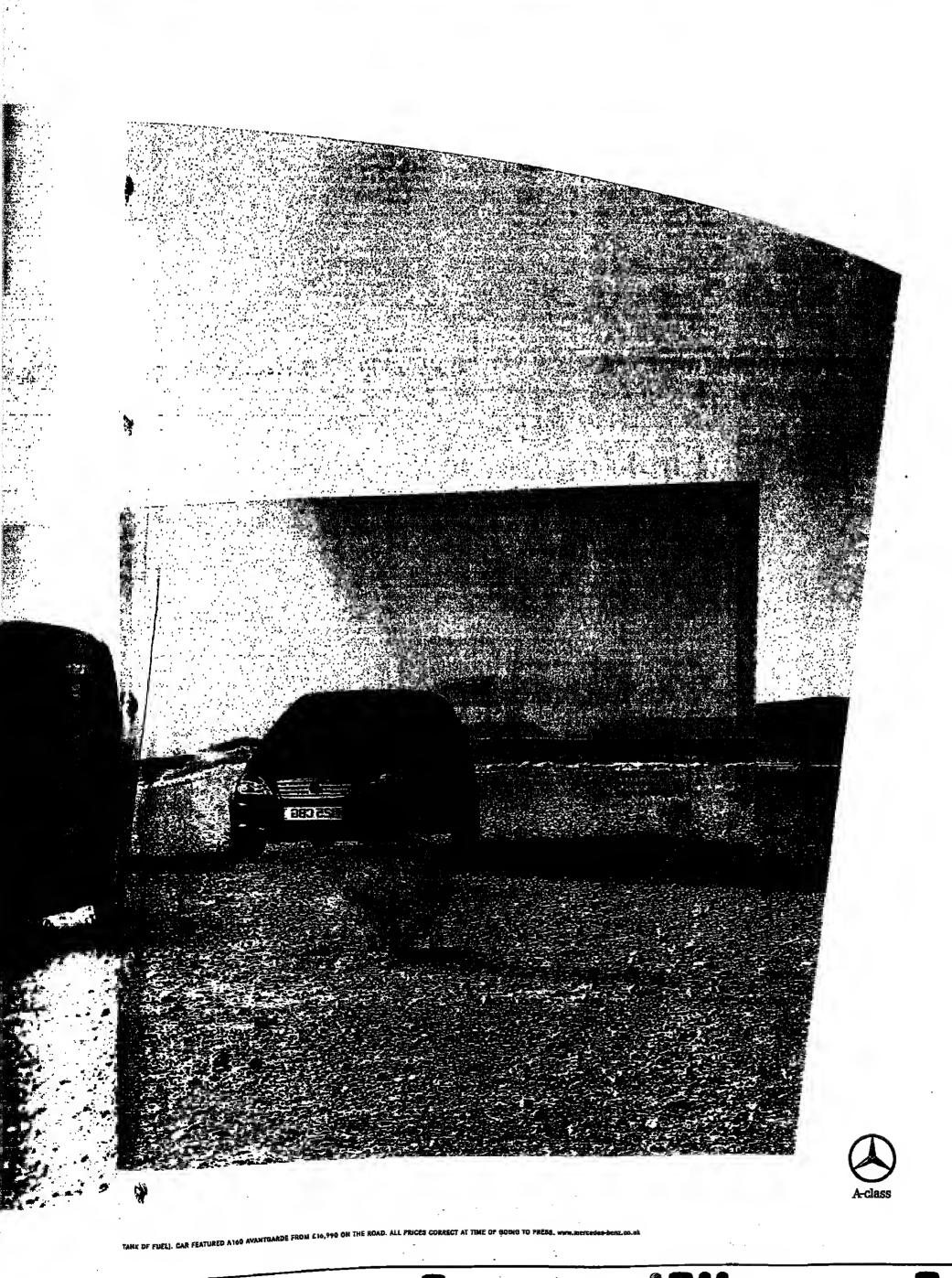
second war. The West has looked to Mrs Playsic also to deliver on other items of the Dayton peace agreement. Those include the return of "ethnically cleansed"



Playsic: lost to nationalist

refugees to their homes in both halves of Bosnia and the handing over of all indicted war criminals, Mr Karadzic included, to the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. Under Mrs Plavsic's admin-

istration, a few thousand Muslim refugees did return to Banja Luka and some other Bosnian Serb towns. That process will now be halted, and go into reverse, if Mrs Playsic ieaves office. Equally, the chances of Mr Poplasen and his allies handing over indicted war criminals to The Hague



Gagging threat to Russian media

ONE OF the few conspicuous accomplishments of Boris Yeltsin's rule - a vibrant and largely free media - is now under threat, caught in the pincers of economic disaster and an official clamp-down.

Russia's new prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov, has banned his officials from talking to journalists without permission, prompting protests that he is

moving towards censorship. The Russian Union of Journalists has written to the premier, who controlled information tightly while he was foreign minister. "Attempts to use the esent situation to restore the idea of censorship is the height

of cynicism," the letter states. The government, which argues that the restrictions are temporary appears to be trying to protect newly appointed officials amid turmoil, and to lessen the risk that an ill-judged remark will spark panic. They must have clearance from Mr Primakov's chief-of-staff, Admiral Yuri Zubakov, a veteran of the Soviet foreign intelligence service.

Some Russian journalists, remembering Soviet censorship only too well, remain suspicious, despite assurances from the premier that he is "a staunch supporter of freedom of speech and of the independence of mass media organs".

Mr Primakov pointed out that he was a newspaper correspondent for more than a decade. As he worked for Pravda, the official organ of the Communist Party - which worked closely with the KGB -. few are reassured.

Although Mr Yeltsin introduced short-term censorship tising market has halved in

advisers brazenly manipulated the media during his 1996 reelection campaign, he has presided over the evolution of But the political landscape

has altered significantly in the last month. The country's weight has shifted from the Kremlin, and its enfeebled occupant, and towards the Communist-dominated State Duma, which is packed with tubthumpers who thrill at the thought of the censor's pen.

There are fears that the new premier will act on demands to introduce lasting restrictions. The Communists have been clamouring for the media to be overseen by state supervisors. Ekho Moskvi radio station, a bastion of free speech and energetic news reporting, has said it will challenge official efforts to gag it. "This is a dan-gerous signal," its editor-inchief, Alexei Venediktov, told Kommersant newspaper, referring to the clampdown. "We do not exclude pursuing the issue through the courts."

But the Russian media faces a greater and more immediate threat from another quarter. Most of the commercial press is owned by a handful of oligarchs, who use it to advance their political interests and fight their husiness battles.

The same moguls have banks, now fighting for their pecting leaner times. survival after the government's debt default and devaluation. The paralysis of the economy is fast eating at their media holdings. A once-booming adver-



Changed days for newspaper readers in Russia after the press flourished in freedom under Boris Yeltsin. The writing may be on the wall owing to the threat of censorship under the new prime minister

grew up in Moscow in the past Russki Telegraf is merging with few years have seen their business abruptly dry.

The retailers of luxury imported goods have stopped shipping in supplies because they are not being paid by dis-tributors. An official from Russian Advertisers Association has forecast a fall in overall advertising spending from \$2b this year to a feeble \$10m in 1999.

Moscow journalists who were last year commanding \$5,000-a-month (riches caused by a shortage of talented writers) now face fast-shrinking pay packets. Even corrupt hacks - who pocket bribes for favourable articles - are ex-

Although the oligarchs will protect their media mouthpieces for as long as they can, some closures and lay-offs are a certainty. In fact, one of Moscow's 19 daily papers has alduring the 1993 crisis, and his weeks. Scores of agencies that ready been toppled. The year-old

Izvestia, the former Soviet government newspaper. Founded in 1917, Izvestic has seen a Soviet-era circulation of 10m shrink to under 600,000, and is thought to be only breaking even. Others are cutting frantically. The popular weekly Orgonyok magazine said yesterday it was reducing

iournalists less. The small high-quality English-language Moscow Times has shrunk noticeably.

staff by 10 per cent, and paying

None of this bodes well for the health of Russia's political system, Masha Gessen, chief reporter of Itogi magazine, has predicted that the next election will be filtered through the impoverished prism of state television and one or two surviving newspapers". That is not exactly fertile soil for a democra-

Ad campaign lures Jews

ISRAEL IS preparing a no- BY ERIC SILVER expense-spared campaign to persuade hundreds of thousands of Jews in Russia to emigrate to Israel.

The Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, in a pre-Jewish New Year interview with the Jewish Chronicle, said he intended to make all necessary funds available for this

Mr Netanyahu said the economic turmoil engulfing Russia had presented Israel with a "unique" opportunity to revive large-scale migration from the former Soviet Union.

He said Israel was taking the initiative rather than tactfully. waiting for the Jews to get out. Boris, the Kremlin's Aministerial committee was alkingmaker, Review, page 8 ready husy drafting pro-

in Jerusalem

grammes. Mr Netanyahu said: We decided that any programmes recommended by the committee and approved by the cabinet to induce, promote, and encourage massive immigration will receive all the funding they require, hudgetary constraints notwithstanding.

"The reason is simple. It's what we are here for the ingathering of the exiles. Having renewed Jewish sovereignty in the land of the Jews, we want to bring Jews to Eretz Yisrael."

The Israel leader dismissed fears that Russia's new prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov, a Middle East expert with an

"Arabist" reputation, would

turn Russian policy against Is-rael. He said the two countries had an excellent relationship, except for one problem. We expect Russia to take

action against the leakage of

Russian technology, ballistic, nuclear and other technology, to Iran and other such regimes . Israel and Russia have a common interest to see the develment of peace in our region." Mr Netanyahu also said he

was determined to move ahead with additional Israel redeployments on the West Bank, so long as the Palestinians kept to their side of the deal.

He said that Israel would be prepared to withdraw from an governmen further 13 per cent of the ter-ritory - in three phases over three months.

Angolan bandits ambush **UN** aid convoy

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By MARY BRAID in Johannesburg

A CONVOY of 16 United Nations trucks was ambushed by armed bandits in northern Angola and UN escorts returned fire, the UN said yesterday. Three people were injured, though not seriously.

The convoy consisting of six trucks from the UN military observer mission and 10 trucks from the World Food Programme, came under fire on Wednesday about 12 miles north of Lukana, in the north of the country. Indian soldiers escorting the convoy returned fire, the UN said. Three local employees of a contractor were injured, though not seriously.

The UN has been trying to implement a 1994 peace accord between the government and the former rebel movement Units, in the face of renewed fighting between the two sides. Unita, a Portuguese acronym for the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, fought a civil war with the goverrment for nearly two decades after Angola won independence from Portugal in 1975.

A UN-mediated 1994 accord. called the Lusaka Protocol, ended the fighting, but the UN says Unita has resisted honouring it, particularly by refusing to hand over four key territories and demobilise its troops, The Angolan army meanwhile, has said that it is determined to dislodge Unita from highland strongholds that

it has refused to surrender. Unita will be ousted from the last four central towns it holds "as soon as possible", Higino Carneiro, a government minister, told reporters earlier this week. "We can do it peacefully or with violence.

So far, Unita has relinquished control of most of the 50 per cent of the country which it held before the deal. But the rebel group has accused the human rights abuses against its supporters in the areas that it has already relinquished.

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BLD STYLE welfare Socialists By KATHERINE BUTLER and Eurosceptics look likely to regain influence in Sweden after the general election this Sunday, dominated by resentment over cuts to health, education and welfare spending.

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The Social Democrat Prime Minister, Goran Persson, leader of a party that has governed Sweden for most of this century, is confident he will retain his grip on power and has pencilled in talks with Tony Blair and US President Bill Clinton in New York on Sunday, on the SDP-pioneered "third way" to prosperity and jobs.

The voters, however, apparently nostalgic for the 1960s model of a welfare state, which also gave Sweden the highest taxes in the western world, seem determined to give the Social Democrats their worst result at the polls in years.

Opinion polls yesterday gave the Social Democrats 35.6 per cent of the vote, an unprecedentedly low figure for a party whose members used to feel alarmed if support sank below 50 per cent.

While such an outcome may not drive Mr Persson on to the opposition benches, it would push him into an uncomfortable coalition with anti-European Union factions on the left.

The options include the Left strong showing in the polls.

Party, drawn from the remains of the old Swedish Commnnists and now poised to become the third biggest party in parliament, and the Greens who are equally hostile to the single European currency. The latest polls suggested the former Communists would win 12.7 per cent of the vote, double their showing at the last election.

If such forecasts prove accurate and Mr Persson's party is reduced to controlling just over one-third of the seats in parliament, he will have no choice but to contemplate an SDP-Left-Green alliance.

Linking with the former Communists will force Mr Pers-Party leader Gudrun Schyman, a self-confessed alcoholic, mil-Social Democrats. Ms Schyman'a platform includes 100

This election is not only about money it is also about what values we should have in our society. There is a need in Sweden for this kind of discussion" Ms Schyman said yesterday, explaining her party's

She was anxious to play down differences with the Social Democrats over how the public finances would be managed but her party would inevitably want to relax the iron grip on spending Mr Persson has been exerting.

Both the Left Party and the Greens want Sweden to leave the EU. They want that to happen immediately if a referendum on joining the Euro is defeated. Sweden, with Britain, Denmark and Greece, has ruled out membership at the launch of the Euro next year because public opinion ia so averse even though the economy is in strong shape.

Sweden is one of the EU's youngest members, having son to do business with the Left joined in 1995. But as far as most Swedes are concerned, divorce might not be a bad idea. itant feminist and a deeply un-palatable prospect for many

The latest opinion poll from the
European Commission published yesterday confirms Swedes as the most rejuctant per cent employment, with-drawal from Europe and a re-turn to what she calls "values".

members of the club, with only 32 per cent in favour of it, lower even than Denmark or Britain. even than Denmark or Britain.

The conservative and pro-Europe Moderate Party, led by the popular former Prime Min-ister and EU envoy to Bosnia Carl Bildt, has recently called for the establishment of a timetable for when and how Sweden might join the euro.



Left Party leader Gudrun Schyman at a meeting in Stockholm yesterday

Cafe society with fries

EUROPEAN TIMES

VIENNA

IT COULD be a scene anywhere in one of central Europe's famous cafés: those homes from home for generations of writers, artists and philosophers discussing life, love and politics over a lengthy coffee, cigarette in hand.

The hiss of another espresso trickling down and the clatter of cup on saucer punctuate the lively background chatter, while tumes of tobacco smoke twirl upward towards the

A few feet away a crowd of patrons examines the glorious array of cakes in a glass display case - the es-sential accompaniment to a morning in Mittel Europa.

Except this is not a scene in Vienna's famed Café Central, or Gerbeaud in Budanest, those Habsburg-era meeting places that still breathe the air of the Austro-

Hungarian belle époque. Instead this latest addition to Vienna's coffee houses has been opened by McDonald's. McCafe is the latest venture of the fast-food giant, with two branches, one on Mariabilier strasse in downtown Vienna, the other in the TyroL

Purists may scoff at the idea of a café attached to a hamburger joint, for McCafe serves Big Macs as well as coffee and cakes, but in the fast-living Nineties, when few have time to laze away the hours, McCafe is for many a perfect compromise.

"McCafe is something new for Vienna. It appeals to different kinds of people. Students who would not go to an old-style coffee house come bere," said Harald Fasching, deputy manager. Certainly the décor is

livelier and brighter than in

many classic coffee houses. The walls are light blue and yellow, while a black marble bar stretches across the floor. But, as tradition demands, the day's newspapers and a selection of magazines are freely avail-

McCafe is the latest addition to the revival of café life across central Europe. In Prague the famed riverside Café Slavia, formerly a favourite haunt of dissident writers such as the Czech President Vaclay Havel, and the secret policemen assigned to watch them, has reopened in a blaze of chrome and marble after being closed for years.

In Budapest the centre of café life is now based around Franz Liszt square, by the music academy and the nearby stretch of theatres. The square is home to three cafés and more are planned.

At the turn of the century Budapest boasted more than 300. "Café life at the turn of the century was a whole social scene, a melting pot for those who had no place to work or anywhere decent to live, so it was a hotbed of free thinking full of poets, writers and artists," said Andras Torok, author of

Budapest: A Critical Guide. Communism put an end to that. The workers in the region's capitals took their coffee standing up, in espresso bars. By 1989, when Communism collapsed, Budapest had fewer than a dozen proper cafés.

Now the city awaits the planned reopening of the Central coffee house, once one of the architectural wonders of the Habsburg empire, in October 1999.

ADAM LEBOR

Growing British support for single currency

OPPOSITION TO the European By STEPHEN CASTLE single currency in Britain has in Brussels fallen below 50 per cent, according to an official EU survey.

since the last similar survey. questioned in the UK now back Among the 11 countries that EMU, an increase of 5 per cent, will participate in the launch in with "don't knows" rising by the January next year, that figure membership for the lifetime of same margin to 17 per cent. The rises to 66 per cent. The find-the next parliament. The Eucent for the first time. The UK among the most ignorant peo-

trend in Britain reflects grow-Those hostile to the euro now ing support for the project make up 49 per cent of the pop-throughout Europe. Within the ulation, a drop of 10 per cent EU it is now backed by 60 per cent, a nine-point increase from More than one-third of those the survey six months ago.

ings, welcomed yesterday by ropean Commission has been and Denmark have the fewest ple in Europe about EMU. Only the European Commission, will huoyed by the success of the active proponents of the monhearten advocates of EMU Euro-zone currencies in withahead of the launch of a big public information campaign in from the Far East and Russia. Britain next month.

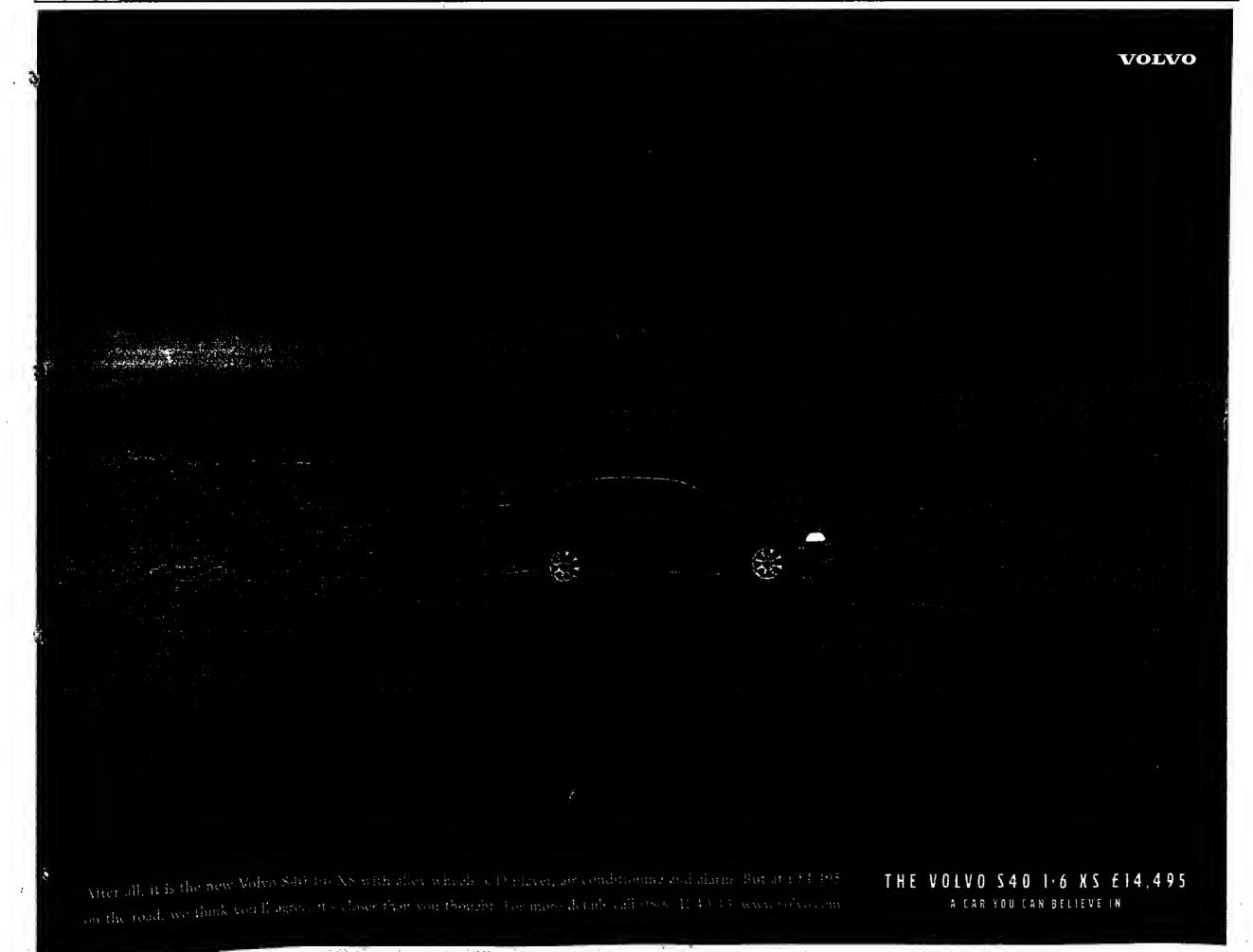
standing the economic shocks

Approval ratings for the euro the tactics of William Hague, the survey began in 1993. Sup-leader of the opposition, in balport is strongest in Italy at 83

huoyed by the success of the active proponents of the monetary union, at just more than one third. In Denmark 57 per cent are

hostile to EMU and less than 10 They also call into question are at their highest level since per cent say they don't know. A thousand people were questioned in Great Britain loting his party members in percent, but in Austria, Finland and 300 in Northern Ireland as support of a policy of ruling out and Germany backing for the part of the bi-annual survey,

the currency, as opposed to 95 per cent in France and 73 per cent in Sweden. The survey also reflects poorly on the British government's attempts to project a positive image of Europe during its six-month presidency of the EU, which ended in June. Just over one-third of the population (36 per cent) was



BUSINESS

Sliding stock markets and grim news on profits add to fears of economic slowdown

World shares plunge again

BRIEFING

Citigroup cuts 8,000 jobs

CITIGROUP, the banking giant to be formed out of the \$60bn (£36bn) merger between Citicorp and Travelers, the parent group of Salomon Smith Barney, is planning to cut 8,000 jobs or 5 per cent of its worldwide staff this year with further cuts to follow.

The merger, agreed in April, has yet to be formally approved. Both banks have seen their shares tumble as a result of the global financial turmoil, slashing the value of the merger. A spokesman for Citicorp was quoted as saying that the figures were "directionally accurate".

BP sets 2010 emissions target



BRITISH PETROLEUM has set itself a target of cutting its greenhouse gas emissions by 10 per cent from 1990 levels by 2010. The targets were to be announced today at Yale School of Management in the US by the BP chairman, Sir John Browne (left).

The reduction will be achieved by cutting carbon dioxide emissions through use of new technology,

energy efficiency and elimination of flaring from oil and gas fields. BP is also launching a system of trading in pollntion permits across the group, initially involving 12 of its 90 units. The company, which is merging with Amoco of the US, bas already pulled ont of the Global Climate Change Coalition, a US-dominated lobby g set up to campaign against the environmental targ agreed at last year's Kyoto summit.

Leeds' new boardroom signing

LEEDS SPORTING, which owns Leeds United Football Club, yesterday beefed up its board by appointing Rich North, finance director of Bass, as a non-executive director. He joins Asda chief executive Allan Leighton, who ioined the board last month. The appointments help fill the gap left by Chris Akers, Leeds' chief executive, who is leaving the company. Unlike Mr Leighton, Mr North is not a Leeds supporter, although he said he "has always been a

Leeds Sporting yesterday said it was in discussions with a number of possible partners about developing its hotel and leisure complex, for which it should receive planning permission later this month. It is also considering setting up a Yorkshire-based sports and entertainment

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Other companies, including the Hilton hotel chain, razor group Gillette and BTR, the engineering giant, have disap-

THE GLOBAL stock market BY ANDREW GARFIELD Financial Editor

> Sentiment was also hit by news that the International Monetary Fund is cutting its world growth forecast this year to 2 per cent in response to the global financial turmoil.

The London-based Economist Intelligence Unit downgraded its world growth forecast in the light of the Russian financial collapse to 2.1 per cent this year and 2.4 per cent next year, the weakest outlook

1981/82. It amounts to a warning that there is a significant risk of global recession.

New York's Dow Jones stock index, which on Wednesday had been more preoccupied with the fate of President Bill Clinton than the implications of Mr Greenspan's remarks, yesterday opened 200 points down

In Europe it was Paris and Frankfurt which fared worst, registering falls of 5 per cent. In Paris the weak dollar, coupled with profits warnings from

giant Alcatel – a key local index constituent - stoked worries about exporters' ability to maintain earnings in fast-contracting markets.

In the City the FTSE 100 closed down 158 points at 5.132.9, a fall of 3 per cent. Tokyo and Hong Kong also suffered severe falls yesterday.

What we have been seeing is suckers' rallies," said Nick Stevenson, European strategist at Paribas. "All the talk of European corporate restructuring and the growth of the eqthe cake?"

Markets were again preoccupied with the fate of Brazil, where the key stock market index, the Bovespa, was showing a fall of 7.69 per cent. Optimism earlier in the week that the combination of an IMF bailout and American interest rate cut would stave off collapse

was dwindling fast. According to the EIU, "a collapse in Brazil would bring the rest of Latin America down with it, in effect eliminating demand for a further 18 per

icing on the cake. But where is cent of US exports". It points out that the emerging markets crisis has already affected 32 per cent of US exports.

Nick Stamenkovic of Bank Austria says survey data released yesterday by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve shows that some parts of the US economy are already being affected. US rates could still fail albeit later than the market hoped, said Mr Stamenkovic. But he warned: "Even if the Fed provides some easing it will only provide temporary relief for the equity markets.

pean bond markets. Dismay at RMC and Alcatel warnings

INVESTORS WERE rattled by a renewed bout of gloomy corporate news yesterday as Alcatel Alsthom, the French

slide resumed yesterday after

warnings of global recession

and grim corporate news on

both sides of the Atlantic added

to investors' disappointment at

US Federal Reserve chairman

Alan Greenspan's failure to con-

firm an early interest-rate cut.

Investors who earlier in the

week had returned cautiously

to the market on hopes that a

co-ordinated G10 initiative to

cut interest rates was imminent

were again seeking the safe

haven of American and Euro-

day Bass, the brewing and hotel giant, warned of an economic slowdown in the UK.

pointed the market in recent

By PETER THAL LARSEN AND FRANCESCO GUERRERA

The steady flow of bad news which has now spread across all sectors of the economy - has prompted analysts to slash their profit forecasts across Some equity strategists now

expect average UK company earnings not to grow at all next

One observer said investors were now looking for any excuse to sell their shares, "Anybody that comes out with any news that isn't absolutely fabulous is treated with great suspicion," be said, "This market is in no mood for what it sees

of the day. The French giant which was one of the best-performing European stocks of last year - stunned investors with a warning that the economic crisis in Asia and Russia. combined with spending cuts by large European telephone companies, meant 1998 profits would not meet market expec-

On the Paris bourse, trading in Alcatel was suspended seven times as the shares plunged. They eventually closed down 38 per cent at 571 francs.

Alcatel said increased cometition for customers was forcing large telecom groups such as Deutsche Telekom and Telefonica to cut back on spending. Meanwhile, sales to the Far Alcatel produced the shock East and Russia had been hit

by the economic downturn.

The warning knocked shares in other telecom equipment suppliers including GEC, which dropped 8 per cent at 424p. Shares in European suppliers such as Siemens, Nokia and Ericsson also slipped.

Meanwhile, shares in RMC, the huilding materials group, crashed to a five-year low after the world's largest producer of . ready-mix concrete warned of a profit slowdown in its two major markets.

The company said that a slump in demand in Germany and a slowdown in the UK in the second half of the year will have a negative impact on its 1998 profits.

Peter Young, the chief executive of RMC, said the dire

state of the construction industry in the former East Germany was set to deteriorate further as the post-reunification building boom ground to a halt.

The bearish comments prompted City analysts to slash their profit forecast for 1998 by up to 10 per cent to around £285m from around £310m. The downgrades were ac-

companied by a bout of selling that wiped more than £170m from the company's market

Shares in RMC, which will drop out of the FTSE-100 on Monday, closed 68p lower, at 682p. Shares in fellow building materials producer Blue Circle, due to report its results today,

for Italian



Young: Building industry Retail gloom, page 23 in Germany is slowing

John Weston, BAe chief executive (left), and finance director George Rose reported a 24 per cent profit rise FT

Oil slump costs BAe £500m

BRITISH AEROSPACE is suffering a shortfall of £2.4m a day on payments under the giant Al Yamamah arms contract with Saudi Arabia because of the collapse in oil prices, it emerged

The fall in oil prices from \$19 1.6845 +0.81c 1.6000 Sterling 0.5936 -0.29p 0.6250 a barrel last year to \$12 is esti-D-Mark 2,8389 +0.08pt 2,8320 O-Mark 1,6857 -0.68pt 1,7720 mated to have caused a cash 222.43 -¥4.01 193.72 Yen 132,10 -¥-3.00 120.88 outflow of about £500m in BAe's 102.60 +0.00 99.50 \$ index 108.90 -0.60 105.10 finances in the first half.

Fears over the outflow prompted a 12 per cent fall in BAe shares. BAe posted a net cash outflow of £518m and disclosed that its defence division had negative cash flow of £506m.

BY MUCHAEL HARRISON

The shortfall arises because the Tornado fighter jets or-dered by the Saudis through the Al Yamamah deal are paid for with 600,000 barrels of oil a day. The oil is traded through Rotterdam and the cash proceeds are passed to BAe through the British Government.

Sir Dick Evans, the BAe chairman, sought to reassure investors that the shortfall was temporary and that the Saudis would honour the outstanding sums due under the contract. denominated in sterling.

John Weston, BAe's chief liance, but this would probably executive, added that the cash have to wait until the creation position would be "reversed with a substantial customer

payment" in the neat future. He was speaking as BAe rewould like to see the US defence giant, Lockheed, take a stake in the Airbus programme.

BAe also said it was continuing to hold discussions with Daimler-Benz Aerospace, one of its Airbus partners, about a link or merger.

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of a single European aerospace and defence company had been completed. As an interim step Lockheed could be invited to ported a 24 per cent rise in pre- . join Airbus - due to convert to tax profits to £344m and said it a single corporate entity next year - probably as a partner on the \$10bn super-Jumbo project.

> BAe also continues to seek an overseas partner for its troubled Royal Ordnance ammunition busines Operating profits from de-

fence rose to £303m and the Mr Weston said he was keen group order book increased to

TV and soccer

Murdoch plays

RUPERT MURDOCH'S News BY ANNE HANLEY Corporation was locked in talks last night to purchase a stake of around 40 percent in Telecom Italia's digital television venture, Stream, sources close to the negotia-

Mr Murdoch was reportthe stake in the loss-making Stream, which has 80,000 subscribers.

The success of the negotiations, sources said, hinged on approval of the deal from the state broadcaster RAL Earlier this year RAI

reached an outline accord for cooperation with Stream in the digital television sector. Mr Murdoch's negotiations

with Telecom Italia entered their final stretch amid persistent rumours that the News Corporation chief will also lodge a bid for pay-television rights to all Italian Serie A and B soccer league

According to local press reports, Mr Murdoch is prepared to put np L4.2hn (£1.4bn) to secure these rights for six seasons.

At a meeting of the Italian Football League yesterday League Chairman Franco Carraro said: "No written or verbal offers from Mr Murdoch were received.

"However, the information have to hand leads me to believe that things are moving

Mr Carraro said any forthcoming hids to compete with Telepin - which has reached a £700m deal to transmit home matches played by in Rome

Juventus, AC Milan, Inter and Napoli from 1999 to 2005 -. would be welcome.

Teleplu is currently Italy's only broadcaster of encrypted soccer games, with 360,000 edly offering up to \$160m for subscribers to its digital

channels. Mr Murdoch has been seeking to enter the flourishing Italian television market for more than three

As recently as 2 September Mr Murdoch was in Italy to discuss a pan-European bailout plan for the ailing German media group, Kirch, with Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister and the majority shareholder of Italy's largest private broadcaster Mediaset SpA.

As with three earlier rounds of talks with Mr Berlusconi, those contacts ame to nothing.

But with his efforts looking increasingly likely to be crowned with success yesterday, the hostility that Mr Murdoch has always aroused in Italy came to the

Telecom Italia shares plunged 5.93 percent on the Milan Stock Exchange, as Telecommunications undersecretary Vincenzo Vita warned that "once he has entered the digital television field, Mr Murdoch will certainly not limit his interests to football.

"I don't want to demonise the man, but he really worries me."

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

EQUITIES FELL sharply although closing above their lowest levels. Footsie was cut 158.8 points to

5.132.9 in active trading. Dismal trading news, profit downgradings and the seeming end of any hope of a concerted G7 cut in interest rates to fight recessionary influences prompted

the latest set back. Among blue chips British Aerospace was lowered on fears its cash flow from Saudi Arabia may be delayed and Bass weakened on a rush of profit downgradings. Derek Pain, page 25

NEW YORK

STOCKS WERE sharply lower at midday as a worldwide equity rout arrived in New York. The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** was down 218 points or 2.7 per cent at 7,871. All 30 stocks in the average were in the red.

Analysts said European and Asian markets slipped overnight after the US Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, failed to signal a co-ordinated interest rate cut. This sent stocks lower on Wednesday until a late rally, but yesterday investors reacted again to the gloomy outlook.

TOKYO

THE BENCHMARK Nikkei 225 index fell to a 12-and-a-half-year low, pacing declines in Hong Kong and Singapore, amid concern other big developers' earnings will tumble as housing demand slides. The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index fell 338.56 points, or 2.38 per cent, to 13,859.14, the lowest since February

Concern that local governments will not be able to invest in public works also weighed on property shares. The Tokyo metropolitan government will declare a state of emergency next month.

FRANKFURT

THE BENCHMARK DAX Xetra index fell 243.15 points, or 4.99 per cent, to 4,626.02 as every one of the 30 constituent shares fell. SAP led the decline with a 13

per cent fall after reports that its US rival, Oracle, aims to overtake SAP as the world's largest maker of business management software within five years. Europe's leading maker of sports shoes, Adidas-Salomon, slumped 12 per cent on fears that growth will suffer as the US economy slows. Adidas generates 40 per cent of sales outside Europe.

SAO PAULO

SHARE PRICES were sharply lower in late morning trade as investors took profits on falls in the US market and were disappointed at US reluctance to cut interest rates. The Bovespa index fell 507 points, or 7.52 per cent, to 6,251. Trade had earlier been suspended for 30 minutes after the index fell 10 per

Stocks were hit by the outflow of dollars on Tuesday, which reached \$580m by 7:15pm, dealers said. But reports in London that the Brazilian government may devalue the real were discounted.

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SECTION TO SERVICE

Plucky Vickers in search of a future

As the man who originally negotiated the Al Yamamah arms-for-oil deal, Sir Colin Chandler could afford a wry smile yesterday at the news that the collapse in oil prices is draining £2.4m a day from British Aerospace's cash balances.

But that is all he has to grip

But that is all he has to grin about. The interruption in BAe's cash flows is a temporary hiccup. The Saudis will eventually have to make it good with a one-off payment to BAe, unless they want a diplo-matic row that would make the Death of a Princess affair look like a Sunday picnic.

By contrast, Vickers' problems in defence look ominously intractable, and much longer-term in nature. Sir Colin grasped part of the nettle yesterday by closing the Leeds tank factory and, surprise, surprise, sparing its sister plant in Newcastle. Nothing to do with it being on the doorstep of Tony Blair's constituency, you under-

But no tank manufacturer is an island and Vickers looks uncomfortably isolated as the carve-up of Europe's armoured vehicles industry gathers pace. It could train its sights on Alvis, which joined forces with GKN this week, and



OUTLOOK

launch a knock-out bid. That would be one way of getting its hands on Alvis's Swedish order book.

But it would bring Sir Colin no nearer the real prize, which is a share in the £3bn "battlefield taxi" contract that Vickers was beaten to by GKN. With Alvis now on board, as well as GKN's German and French partners, there is a limit to how many more manufacturers can join the party.

The alternative alliance partners do not look very enticing. Giat of France has been touted as a potential bride. But it employs 4,000 people to produce the same number of tanks that Vickers will be able to make with a tenth of the work-

force once Leeds shuts. Even if Sir doubt that Rank seriously oversocial costs that French industry is saddled with, it still looks like a mairiage from bell.

Sir Colin says pluckily that there is £5bn worth of tank business out there and Vickers can win its fair share. But unless Vickers finds a strategy, and quickly, then tanks, like Rolls-Royce Motor Cars before the Germans came along, may begin to resemble another one of those businesses with the ability to shoot down the whole group.

Rank

JUST as it seemed things could get no worse for Rank, the leisure conglomerate, they just did. The profwarning from Bass has added fresh momentum to the downward plunge in a share price that seems to know no bottom. Since Andrew Teare, Rank's beleaguered chief executive, arrived in April 1996, the shares have halved in value, and on Monday this once famous corporate name suffers the ignomony of being kicked out of the FTSE 100 index, probably for good.

Colin could isolate Vickers from the paid for the Uncle Tom Cobleigh pubs chain, the Bass profits warning has laid it to rest. Uncle Tom Cobleigh is heavily weighted to precisely the same areas of the country Bass identified as being most hit by what it called "a general softening of consumer demand".

Presumably that same softening. added to the dreadful summer weather, will be hitting Rank's plethora of other businesses too, from Butlins and Mecca to Odeon cinemas and Hard Rock cafes. If this were an engineering company, then the underperformance of the company's business and share price would be understandable, but Rank is in what is meant to be a growth industry, leisure.

Mr Teare, a relaxed and jovial man, is in the habit of saying that life's too short to lose sleep over such matters, but surely even be must now be feeling the heat, even if his businesses are not. He's judged to have done the right thing in getting out of Rank Xerox, but the Uncle Tom Cobleigh acquisition only seemed to add to the group's perceived weakness as a rag bag of

vesting heavily in his core brands. he seems to have failed to stamp a cohesive strategy and culture on the group. Much of the problem is not down to Mr Teare as such, for he inherited a rotten situation. The City never knew the half of it, and a large part of Mr Teare's job since has been disillusion investors.

The City is nonetheless an unforgiving place and the wolves are already at his door. Mr Teare needs to find a way of restoring value to shareholders in double quick time, or to use the time honoured expression, he'll find someone else doing it for him. Radical action is called for Breakup and demerger must be put firmly back at the top of the agenda.

Barclays

THERE CAN be few more telling illustrations of the present "flight to safety" among investors than the news that Abbey National overtook Barclays in terms of stock market value earlier this week, albeit briefly. This despite the fact that Barclays is set to make around a third more in profits than Abbey this year,

Never mind that Martin Taylor's mea culpa over the bank's Russian exposure has been generally welcomed by analysts in the City as a refreshingly honest piece of realism. Never mind also that Goldman

Sachs, Morgan Stanley and SBC Warburg all rate the stock a screaming buy. Despite it all, the fund managers just do not want to know. They'd rather have safe as houses Abbey National, and other former building societies, in their portfolios than recession exposed Barclays. The logic of this position is not hard to grasp, though it does at this

juncture look more than a trifle exaggerated. A mortgage book is high quality, high margin lending which even in a recession tends to remain remarkably immune to bad debt experience. Barclays by contrast, is bound to see a very considerable pick up in bad debts in the event of a recession, not withstanding the risk averse credit controls Mr Taylor claims to have put in place during the good times. The Russian provision is just a foretaste of what's

to come, say the jeremiahs. Like most chief executives confronted by a plummeting share price, Mr Taylor is perplexed and

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around a third of global foreign

exchange turnover, for exam-

ple. If the City struggles to

cope with the conversion week-

end, the ripples will be felt in all

have contingency plans in

place, although according to Mr

Rushton, a significant minori-

ty have not bothered. And the

Bank of England, together with

the Financial Services Author-

ity (FSA), is in the process of

identifying the main areas

where things could go wrong,

and will then draw up an ap-

Most experts believe that the

weekend should proceed with-

out too many glitches, but no-

one really knows for sure. As Mr

Townend at the Bank says:

"This is a hugely complicated project, unprecedented in scale

and breadth. I am pretty opti-

mistic, but you cannot guaran-

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the New Year in fust over three

months' time, the City will hold-

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Many institutions already

the major financial centres.

just a little angered by the judgement of markets. There'll have to be a quite serious recession to justify this reversal in fortunes. And even though things are beginning to look worse by the day, no credible forecaster is yet predicting an outright recession at all.

Unfortunately, financial markets are driven as much by sentiment as rational analysis, and undervalued though Barclays might now be on conventional measures, nobody's in the mood for buying. About the only people who see value in the market as it stands are the chief executives themselves. Companies as diverse as NatWest and BTR bought back shares yesterday. They are just the tip of the iceberg. Billions of pounds have been spent on share buybacks so far this year. It can reasonably be argued that without the buyback prop, the market would be even lower

Let's hope that the judgement of chief executives proves better than that or ordinary investors, for if they are wrong and there really is a worldwide recession on the way, there are going to be an awful lot of undercapitalised companies out there by the time they realise the

IN BRIEF

Trinity shares fall on warning

SHARES IN Trinity fell to a year's low after the regional newspaper group warned that second-half advertising growth had slowed.

Trinity, which yesterday unveiled a 13 per cent rise in a pre-tax profits for the six months to June, also revealed it is in advanced talks to sell its US operations. The shares closed down 5p at 434p after Merrill Lyncb cut its earnings forecasts, citing the expectation of a slowdown in advertising and the lack of recent acquisitions.

CRS names chief

CO-OPERATIVE Retail Services, the Rochdale-based branch of the Co-op movement, has named Andy Meehan as its new chief

Mr Meeban, 43, is now Inanaging director of Storehouse International, the overseas franchising business of the Bhs and Mothercare retailer. He will join in November, succeeding Harry Moore who is retiring. Mr Meehan is a chartered accountant who spent six years with Sears, including spells as finance director of Selfridges and Sears Sports.

Geest won't bid

GEEST, the chilled food maker, said it had considered a bid for Terranova, the prepared food business to be demerged from Hillsdown Holdings, but decided against it because of the two groups' poor fit. Geest reported flat interim pre-tax profits of 12.7m, affected by a shorter salf-year. Underlying profits

Buoyant Bovis BOVIS HOMES, the

housebuilder demerged from P&O, said it expected the housing market to remain buoyant this year despite the probable economic slowdown. The company reported a 21 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to £16.9m despite a fall in completions to 952 from 1.097.

Cookson buys COOKSON, the specialist engineering group, has bought two American

manufacturing firms, Accel and Matrix, for £8.9m and \$7.8m in cash respectively. Accel makes specialty cleaning systems for the clectronic component packaging and surface mount technology segments of the electronics industry. Matrix makes micron-tolerance

Sega's new chip

precision engineered

A MICROCHIP based on Videologic's PowerVR Series 2 technology will be the graphics engine in Sega's new "Naomi" system for arcade game machines, Videologic said yesterday. ideologic said the Sega delision is the second step in Power VR's three-market cross-platform gaming strategy and confirms the company's entry into arcade games. Videologic shares

gained 1p to 59p.

News Analysis: The City is gearing up for a frantic New Year 'conversion weekend'

Are you ready for the euro?

By Lea Paterson

NEW YEAR in the City is usually a rather quiet affair. Corporate activity grinds to a halt, economic news tends to be thin on the ground, and the streets in and around the Square Mile are deserted.

However, this New Year in the City could be one of the busiest ever. Thousands of staff have been cajoled, bribed and bullied into working over the socalled "conversion weekend" when Europe's common currency, the euro, will be officially launched.

The magnitude of the challenge presented by the "week" end" - which will run from Thursday 31 December to Sunday 3 January - is mind-bog-

When the markets shut for business on the evening of 30 December, bonds issued by the 11 countries participating in the first wave of European Monetary Union will be denominated in 11 different currencies. Shares issued in these countries will also be denominated in local currencies, and these local currencies will be used by both front-office foreign exchange traders and back-office settlements staff.

When markets reopen for business on Monday 4 January, these 11 currencies will be replaced by just one. How pre-pared is the City for this momentous change?

Compared to our European partners, public awareness of certain City players, both large the euro in the UK is relative- and small. He said: "We are ly low. In France, for example, every shop already posts prices in both euros and francs in an attempt to get people thinking in the new currency before its introduction at the retail level in three years' time. In this country, by contrast, many would be pushed even to name all the EMU participants.

The official line is that this yet to do detailed conversion lack of public awareness is not replicated in the City. The latest Bank of England quarterly bulletin on the euro - a detailed assessment on City readiness for the change - finds that major financial institutions are confident about their ability to cope with the conversion week-

For the smaller City firms, however, things look a little less rosy. John Townend, who on 1 January becomes the Bank's first Director of Europe, says: "You can be reasonably confident about the main players. But, as in other financial centres, when you look at some of the smaller play-ers you cannot be so sure."



French shops already display euro prices, but in the UK financial institutions are finding it difficult to prepare

John Rushton, euro expert at is one glitch in one system PA Consulting, also harbours somewhere, and there could be doubts about the readiness of chaos in the financial markets when they reopen its business on Monday 4 January. And working with a number of when you consider that there will be no full-scale rehearsals involving all market particiand we see a wide variability in pants prior to the weekend it-Many leading institutions

tion technology testing and will simulations - it starts to look be undertaking full-scale simrather worrying. ulations in October and November. Others, though, have weekend planning. These people are running out of time," of information providers, fund One of the most fundamen-

tal difficulties about the conversion weekend preparations is the degree of interdependence between financial institutions. Put simply, it is not enough just to worry about your own company's readiness for the euro: you need everyone else to be ready too.

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says Mr Rushton.

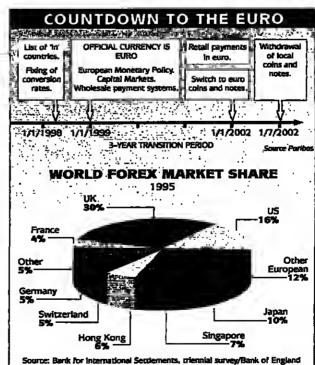
Mr Rushton says: "The City place. Although you should be able to contain many problems within institutions, it's hard to guarantee that a problem in one

self-although institutions are expected to carry out their own

Where are problems most likely to occur? In its latest euro bulletin, released yesterday, the Bank of England noted that there were particular concerns in the City about the readiness managers and non-EU firms.

The report reads: "Reference was frequently made [by City firms] to Japanese firms, with some concern that initially they were not sufficiently focused on euro preparations. The concern is now whether sufficient time is left for them to prepare adequately."

These concerns seem to be backed up by a survey released earlier in the week by the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). The NAPF said: "Only a quarter of pension In theory, then, all you need scheme administrators sur-



tion to prepare for the single ter-prepared City players quakcurrency. Half do not see the need for a major exercise before the New Year 1999 conversion weekend." That nancial centre - it accounts for the night.

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veyed have taken significant ac-statistic is likely to have the bet-So what happens if it does all go wrong? London is a major fi-

Bank of **England** appoints Europe Director

BY ANDREW GARFIELD Financial Editor

THE BANK of England yesterday appointed its first ever Director of Europe with responsibility for co-ordinating the Bank's relationship with the European Central Bank.

His job will include standing in for the Governor Eddie George at ECB meetings.

The post will be taken by John Townend, the Bank's deputy director of market operations, who has been spearbeading the Bank's discussions about how to respond to the introduction of the single European currency on 1 January.

The move will be seen as a covert admission by the bank of the inevitability of Britain signing up to the euro, despite the Government's insistence on sheltering behind an official

policy of "wait-and-see". It is also likely to be seen in some quarters as a defeat for both Eddie George, the governor, and his deputy Mervyn King, both confirmed Eurosceptics who are believed to have had misgivings about formalising Mr Townend's role.

Both are said to have been dragging their feet on suggestions that the Bank should set up a permanent presence in Frankfurt to liaise with the Eurepeat Central Fault

Mr King said recently about monetary union: "You can get them to the altar on time. But

you can't make them marry." The decision to promote Mr Townend was nevertheless welcomed in the City as a highly sensible move.

Mr Townend, 51, is a well-respected economist and career Bank of England official. As well as co-ordinating the Bank's own preparations for European Monetary Union, he has been standing in for Mr George at meetings of the European Monetary Institute, the precursor of the ECB, as well as working with City institutions to ensure their preparations for EMU are up to

Julian Jessop, economist at Nikko Securities, said yesterday that in addition to the ECB's resoonsibility for monetary policy, there are other areas where the Bank of England would want to have some influence.

These include the Target payments system and the way that minimum reserve requirements are to be imposed

Acorn squeezed out of personal computer market

ACORN, THE last remaining British computer manufacturer yesterday admitted defeat in its

hattle with larger rivals by deciding to stop developing its range of personal computers. The Cambridge-based com-

By Peter Thal Larsen

er and die. A third of its 175strong workforce will be made redundant as a result.

Acorn said it would continue to supply and support its existpany has scrapped the development of its new Risc 2 includes thousands of PCs in computer, effectively allowing school classrooms around the the Acorn brand of PCs to with- country. However, experts said

develop new machines meant shed in Acorn's history. the brand would eventually dis-

The move is part of a restructuring that will see Acorn concentrate on supplying products for the fast-expanding digital television market. Stan Boland, Acorn's chief executive, said: "Today's an-

the company's decision not to nouncement marks a water-

"The projected return on the Risc 2 project was pretty marginal and we would have had to invest more to get it. Given that we have a limited number of investment dollars we decided to focus on digital

television." Mr Boland said that 75 per

tal set-top box decoders or tele-companies. vision sets by 2006. In order to hanking, those boxes would re-

quire massive computing power. Acorn plans to develop powset-top boxes by linking up with maker Apple. semiconductor manufacturers

handle interactive applications on making 60 of its non-engi- turn its stake in ARM, the comsuch as home shopping and neering staff redundant and writing off surplus stock. A further 15 employees will be transferred to Xemplar Acorn's joint year to shareholders without inerful, efficient processors for venture with US computer

cent of homes would have digi- and consumer electronics with a workforce of around 100. Mr Boland said the company The group is spending film was still working on ways to reputer chip design company that was floated on the London and Nasdaq exchanges earlier this curring a buge tax bill. Acorn hones to put proposals to share-The move leaves Acorn bolders before year-end.

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Slower sales hit profits at John Lewis

FURTHER EVIDENCE of a slowdown in consumer spending emerged yesterday when John Lewis Partnership reported its first profits fall for five years, and official retail statistics revealed that high street spending remained weak in August.

Retail sales were up by 0.4 per cent in August from July, against an expected rise of 0.1 per cent. However, the figures for the three months to August were up just 2.6 per cent on the same period last year, the lowest growth for two years. The August figures showed falls in sales of household goods and textiles, clothing and footwearareas which are quickly affected by falls in discretionary in-

come or weakening confidence. Food sales growth in the three months to August outpaced non-food sales compared with the same period last year, reversing a trend that has lasted nearly three years.

Analysts said the figures were difficult to interpret because of the poor summer weather, but were unlikely to support the case for an early cut in interest rates. "The underlying strength of high street spending is difficult to determine, but spending has certainly cooled since the spring," said Jonathan Loynes, economist at HSBC Markets.

Trevor Williams, economist at Lloyds TSB, said: "The trend of the last three months on the previous three months is the lowest since July 1996, and that the absence of windfalls from is the point. A slowdown on the converting mutuals.

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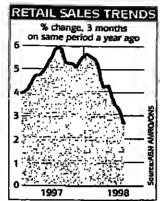
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consumer side of the economy is taking place."

The sentiments were supported by half-year profits from John Lewis, which fell by 5 per cent to £89.7m: the first profit fall at the group since 1993. Group pre-tax profits were boosted by a £30m VAT refund, taking the total to £119m.

John Lewis's department stores fell short of the company's own estimates with a 5.1 per cent rise in sales in the half



compared to an estimate of 5.5 per cent. However, the figures were rescued by a good performance from its Waitrose supermarkets.

Sir Stuart Hampson, the chairman, blamed "the three Ws" - the poor summer weather, the football World Cup and

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nership has had a succession of spectacular first-half results. Such a pace cannot be sustained indefinitely, and we knew that this year we would be facing more difficult trading conditions and extra costs to cover.' He said that matching last year's borns payments, which are made to John Lewis staff on the basis of profits, would be a

significant challenge Next, the high street retailer which shocked the stock market with a profits warning in March, was also cautious on high street trading prospects yesterday as it reported a fall in profits from £71.2m to £50.2m. The slump was caused by buying mistakes which led to stock shortages in womenswear and childrenswear said the company Next shares fell by 37.5p to 407p, their lowest since late 1995.

David Jones, the chief executive, said: "Everyone tells me things are getting difficult. but we are well established enough to do better than most." Julie Ramshaw, retail ana-

lyst at Morgan Stanley, said: "Next has delivered what it said it would but the market is not yet giving it the benefit of

William Morrison, the Yorkshire supermarkets group, reported half-year profits of £68.3m against £61.7m in the period last year. The company is continuing to expand, with the prospect of adding 2,400 jobs. It hopes to add seven new stores

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Sir Stuart Hampson, chairman of John Lewis, blamed the three Ws - weather, the World Cup and a lack of windfalls - for the partnership's profits fall

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Market unrest pulls insurers' profits down

FRESH SIGNS of an end to the BY ANDREW VERITY boom in financial services emerged yesterday as two big life insurers warned their 1998 profits would be depressed by

Zurich Financial Services, the Anglo-Swiss insurance giant, said earnings in the second half of the year were "not likely to reach the level achieved during the first six months".

The statement from Zurich, formed last week from the merger of Zurich Group with British American Financial Services, was echoed by Irish Life, the largest insurance group in Ireland.

weakness could wipe out gains made on roaring investment markets in the first half of the year, which helped boost operating profits by 40 per cent.
David Went, managing di-

rector of Irish Life, said sales looked set to continue their upward trend: "Sales performance in the second half looks set to and the existing Zurich - gencontinue the trends in the first erated earnings of \$1.42bn half. However, our profitability (£0.85bn) in the first half.

is geared to the equity markets and the operating profit will be impacted by the course of in-

vestment markets since June. "Based on current conditions this is likely to result in a reversal of much of the investment gains."

Like other investment firms, Irish Life charges for managing money by levying a fee as a percentsge of the investment. When markets shump, fees will go down while overheads stay the same, creating the geared effect on profits.

The warnings may signal an end to the boom in financial ser-Irish Life warned market vices after a bumper six months between January and June. when booming markets created ripe conditions for the sale of financial products.

Zurich said its member companies – including Allied Dun-bar, Eagle Star, Threadneedle Asset Management, Farmers

New regulations for accountants

ACCOUNTANTS AND other pro- By ROGER TRAPP fessionals such as lawyers and surveyors are to be allowed to improve their protection against large legal claims by forming limited liability partnerships under government proposals issued yesterday.

The move was accompanied by plans to introduce a more independent form of regulation for the accountancy profession, which has been criticised since the last recession for not being seen to deal swiftly or sufficiently with members who fail to meet standards.

Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, intends that the scheme - largely based on proposals put forward by a team led by Chris Swinson, of Chartered Accountants -

will cover the entire accountancy profession.

Mr Mandelson said the proposals would "ensure transparent and robustly independent regulation, to be delivered in partnership with the profession". He said disciplinary cases with a public interest would be conducted by bodies largely made up of nonaccountants.

The limited liability partnerships plan heads off threats by some firms to set up in offshore centres. It is likely to meet with some criticism, but ministers stress it will only protect innocent partners by limiting their liability to their now president of the Institute stake in the firm. The legal liability of the firm and negligent

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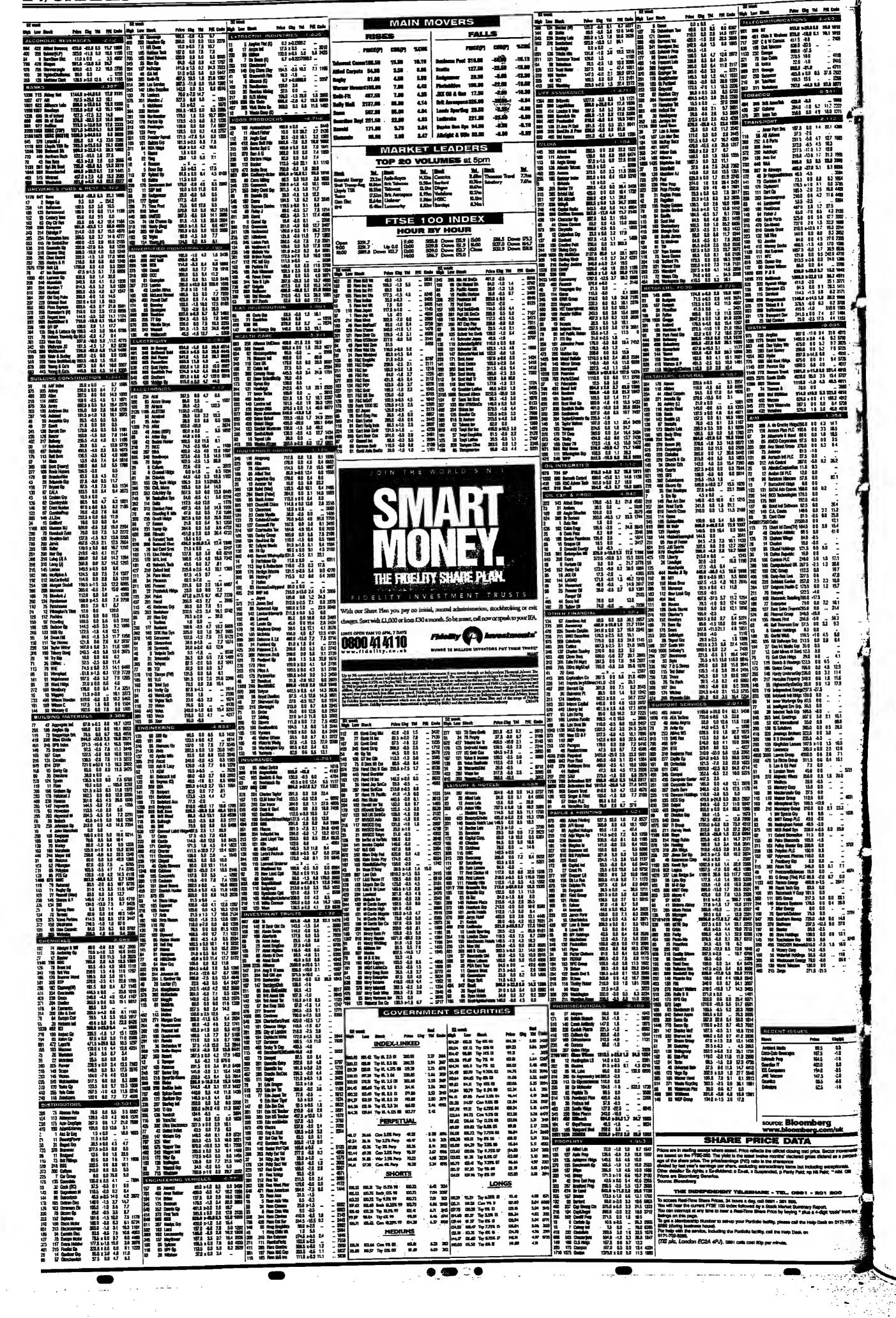
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BAe leads the way to a hard landing

FOOTSIE PLUNGED as trading statements disappointed, profit forecasts were dragged down and the US central bank chief, Alan Green seemed to kill off hopes a concerted G7 interest rate fix. The blue-chip index finished 158.8 points down at 5,132.9. At one time if was off 190.2 points.

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With New York in retreat and other world markets weak, there was no chance the stock market could buck the downturn. Home grown problems also weighed heavily, with trading news responsible for many of the major falls. Nervousness ahead of today's "double witching", when options and futures expire, was another inhibiting influence. But it's an ill wind ... government stocks, on safe haven appeal, were strong

and gained around a point.
Only 11 Footsie constituents produced gains. Insurer GRE, proba-bly reflecting its gilts halding, rose 9.75p to 251.5p and Centrica, still reflecting figures and stockbroker buy comments, flared a modest 2.5p 104.5p. EMI firmed 1p to 399p on relief that it is not pursuing a takeover of the PolyGram film unit. Earlier the shares had been up 14p.

MARKET REPORT



Others gaining included defensive shares such as United Utilities.

British Aerospace led the re-treat. Fears that the Sandi Arabian government may postpone Al Yamamah payments sent the shares nose-diving 35p to 325p. It is estimated that BAe collects around £2bn from its Sandi supply agree-

ments each year The surprise Bass profits warning was another sobering influence. Bass slumped 59p to 666p, a two-day fall of 156p, and again dragged Scottish & Newcastle factor, lost 52p to 728p.

The rest of the beerage, once regarded as safe shares in times of stress, was weak with Greenalls down 27p to 332p and Vaux, calling time on its breweries to focus on hotels and pubs, 19p to 257p. Rank, the FIRTH, the steel group which is leisure group, was also caught in the Bass fall-out. It fell 22.75p to 248p.

it would not hit profit expectations. The engineering and telecoms con-glomerate added to the general un-ease and GEC, with similar interests, was spooked 39p to 424p. The Alcatel alert also caught the

likes of GKN, off 40p at 620p. Superstores gave ground as J Samsbury prepared to embark on a price-cutting drive. There were re-ports that it plans special offers on a range of goods as well as spending heavily on a promotional campaign. BT Alex.Brown was one investment house to make cautious noises about the sector and Credit Lyonnais put a sell sign over Sainsbury, CSFB was anoth-

lower, off 15p at 710p. Whitbread, er to relegate Sainsbury to its sell which had earlier resisted the Bass list. Teather & Greenwood reckons only Somerfield of the five leading supermarket shares is a buy, the

rest should be sold. The burst of analytical activity

also involved in aircraft services, was one the few to keep The plug was pulled on the General Electric Company after the French group Alcatel warned that after it became known that the stockbroker, Beeson Gregory, planned investment meetings with institutions next week.

The group's shares have drifted down from 39.5p this year: they touched 68.5p two years ago. Firth's profits last time fell from £1.7m to £1m.

left Sainsbury off 37p at 525.5p; Asda 8.25p at 174.5p; Safeway 12.5p at 305.5p and Tesco 8p at 163p. Even Somerfield found the weight of gloom heavy and fell 10.5p to 457p. **HSBC** and Standard Chartered

gave ground after Warburg Dillon

Read lowered its dividend growth estimates. HSBC tumbled 83p to 1.071p and Standard 38.5p to 400p. Imperial Chemical Industries

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still smarting from the Merrill Lynch downgrade, fell a further 23p to 500p and Ladbroke, fretting about a monopolies block on its Coral betting chain acquisition, lost 23.5p to 221.5p.

The prevailing retail gloom

trapped Marks & Spencer, falling 30p to 445p, and Unilever was ruffled by a Gillette profits warning.

down 40.5p to 490.5p. Enterprise Oil, where Italian take over hopes linger, was at one

NEWCOMERS are still prepared to risk the misery of a falling market. MSW, with a management planning system originally developed for the Ministry of Defence, hopes to float in the next few weeks.

The company is planning to raise around £3m, which will provide it with an £8m capitalisation. Ahead of the share issue the group has won a contract to help the HSBC investment group to refocate from the City to Canary Wharf.

time lowered by 40p; the shares closed off 15p at 375p.

Amid the carnage some brave souls were prepared to make opti-mistic forecasts. Panmure Gordon put a 950p target price on BT, which has just collected £4bn from its MCI

stake; the shares fell 29p to 815p. Not only blue chips were engulfed in depression. The mid cap index crashed 71.4 points to 4,687.2

and the small cap 19.6 to 2,072.2. Psion, the hand-held computer group, lost 31.5p to 471p with a line of 4 million shares hovering. Business Post, on its profit warning, was dropped a further 55p to 310p and

results left Next off 37.5p at 407p. Greenwich Resources softened 1.75p to 16p after it launched an agreed share exchange bid for MMS Petroleum. MMS rose 7p to 32.5p.

Meristem, a specialty chemical group, also headed north; up 5.5p after engineer Torday & Carlisle disclosed it held 16 per cent of its capital. T&C could not comment and Meristem said it had not been in

contact with its new shareholder. Tay Homes held at 121p after the Sunley family lifted its interest to 9.3 per cent. And Paramount, the pubs chain, stuck as 21.5p as the quaintly named Picks Pigs increased its holding to 7.64 per cent.

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Next suffers among the fashion victims

DAVID JONES, the chief executive of Next, knew there was something wrong with his spring and summer ranges egylier in the year when his wife came back from a shopping trip and said sbe had found nothing to her liking in Next's stores.

Only weeks later the group issued a dire profits warning caused by buying too much high-fashion stock in women's clothing and not enough of the If Mrs Jones is the bell-

wether of Next's fortunes, things could be looking up. She is again finding garments she likes again in Next outlets, and the sales figures are on an improving trend.

Like-for-like sales that were 9 per cent down at the half year have turned into a 1.5 per cent rian. Analysts say the balance of the stores' product ranges is looking better.

Why, then, did Next shares fall 37.5p yesterday to a near three-year low of 407p? True, the market was down overall. But Next is also a company which has issued a profits warning and is in a sector which nobody loves.

So it may take another set of trading figures before the market really starts to believe that Next has put its mistakes behind it, even though the management seems to be doing all the right things.

The company has appointed a new womenswear director whose new ranges should start month. New ordering and checking procedures have been introduced and improved warehorsing is coming on stream.

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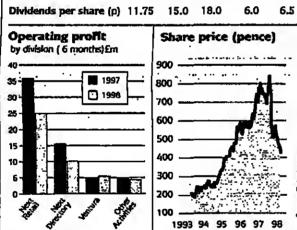
for-like sales in such a low-inflation environment. Profit growth will come instead from new space (80,000 square feet in the second half of the year) and higher sales per square

On full-year forecasts the shares trade on a forward rating of 13. That is cheap for Next. But, given that the horror of the profits warning will take a while yet to fade away, there is nn

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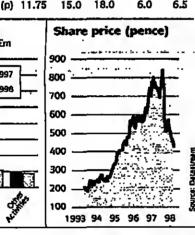
coming through from next branch out into other husinesses and other countries.

> Fit's expansinn plans came yesterday with the £105m cash purchase of Speedy Europe, a car parts fitter with 568 branches across continental Europe. The deal could prove vital for ensuring Kwik-Fit's long-term growth. For a start, it almost quadruples the number of fitting centres it has across Europe, giving Kwik-Fit a valuable outlet at a time when its traditional UK market is reaching

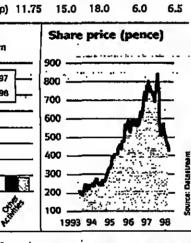
> Tom Farmer, Kwik-Fit's resourceful chairman, a chance

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KWIK-FIT is enjoying life in the fast lane. The exhaust and tyres fitter is becoming a sort of Marks & Spencer of car repairs, using its brand name and well-oiled formula tn



Kwik-Fit drives to launch some of the company's wackier ideas, such as Kwik-branded motor insurance

erage. Sir Tom will also have to The latest example of Kwik-

did little to dent profitability. Kwik-Fit actually managed to increase tyre profits despite a

Moreover, Speedy offers Sir

and a breakdown service, on the Continent. That said, Kwik-Fit will have to work hard at bringing Speedy's margins, now a measly 5 per cent, into line with the company's 10 per cent av-

be careful about overstretching at a time when the European economic outlook is uncertain. At home, Kwik-Fit continues to motor ahead in spite of some slippery markets. Yesterday it reported a 31 per cent increase in interim profits to £33m on turnover up 5 per cent to £251.7m. A glut of cheaper tyres imported from the Continent. courtesy of the strong pound,

5 per cent fall in prices. The shares rose 19.5p to 467.5p yesterday and have now more than trebled in value over the last five years. On around 18 times 1998 forecast earnings of £63m, they are a solid hold in

City won't buy **Cordiant** pitch

IS ADVERTISING heading for a fall? Cordiant Communications Group, which separated itself from Saatchi & Saatchi last year, yesterday became the latest advertising group to try and quash fears of an industry downturn.

There was certainly nothing wrong with Cordiant's firsthalf results. Despite the loss last year of large accounts such as Compaq and Texaco, revemies were up by 4 per cent when adjusted for currencies. Operating profits rose by 11 per cent on the same basis.

Turmoil in the Far East has forced the company to make 200 staff redundant at a cost of £1m. to be taken in the second half. But Cordiant remains on track to meet its own target of achieving 10 per cent operating margins next year. First-half margins were just 5.7 per cent, although the company does make most of its profit in the latter part of the year.

Investors remain unconvinced, however, knocking Cordiant shares down 1p to 107.5p yesterday. Given the advertising industry's natural propensity towards hype, this is understandable.

However, the City's reaction may be excessive. Even the most gloomy forecasts predict a slowdown in advertising spending rather than a decline. What's more, unlike its former parent in the late 1980s, Cordiant is not carrying a huge load

Panmure Gordon forecasts full-year profits (excluding the redundancy payment) of £27m, putting the shares on a forward earnings multiple of about 17. Although investors will probably steer clear until the industry outlook becomes more clear the shares offer good



the 29th Chief Cashier of the Bank of England, and the first woman ever to sign our banknotes, when she succeeds Graham Kentfield (top) next

Lowther signs for England

MERLYN LOWTHER will become the first woman ever to sign our banknotes when she succeeds Graham Kentfield as Chief Cashier of the Bank of

England next January. Mrs Lowther, 44, mother of two and married to a Newcas tle United supporter, has spent her entire 23-year career at the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street since getting a first in Maths at Manchester University. Good to know our top bankers can do their sums.

British banknotes have only been signed by the chief cashier since 1855, whereas the cashier post goes back to 1694 when the Bank was founded. Mrs Lowther will be the 29th Chief Cashier.

So when does she produce the signature which will go on our notes? "Some time between now and January - I hope they will give me a few chances to get it right," she

"I won't be signing all the notes individually." Which is just as well, since

there are around 1.4 billion banknotes in circulation at the moment. The Bank's Essex printworks churns out another 1.25 billion notes every year, worth a cool £13.7bn. The Bank reckons new notes replace old

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BUSINESS BY JOHN WILLCOCK

ones in a roughly two-year cycle, so there will still be plenty of "Graham Kentfield" ten-

ners around by the Millennium as well as "Merlyn Lowther" SIR DICK Evans, chairman of British Aerospace, may have been appointed a non-executive

director of NatWest Bank last

ek, but that doesn't mean

be's transferring his own bank account from the Midland. He says that as a director of NatWest he wouldn't be allowed to borrow from the bank. Obviously the poor chap is un-

OH DEAR. Carl Gough, one of the highest rated property analysts in the City, won the "Golden Brick Award" for going bankrupt fastest in a Monopoly tournament on Wednesday

Mr Gough and his number two at Commerzbank, Ray arrived dressed as convicts. one's got to do it.

sociation of Property Unit sure. Trusts Mnnopoly Challenge Dinner at the Savoy.

The shindig was the first of what is planned to be an annu- Knight Frank, property sural event for the property industry. More than 220 property types witnessed Mr Gough's bumiliation, including agents, surveyors, property lawyers and assorted tycoons.

Apparently property unit trusts (PUTs) now account for around £5bn of assets under management and now they want to make a noise about it. There were 24 teams competing for four prizes, and play was

limited to one hour 45 minutes. It took less than an hour for Mr Gough's team to go belly up - shortly fallowed by Hill Samuel Asset Management.

The Commerzbank boys were presented with a pair of bricks removed from a City building site and painted gold, to act as book-ends. They were also presented with a deluxe "Monopoly" set so that they could practice for next year.

The other three winners got proper, "architectural" bookends. The prize for "most appropriately dressed team" was won by Morgan Grenfell Property Asset Management - who

James, hit disaster at the As- Very reassuring for clients, I'm

The prize for the team with the most property assets excluding cash was won by veyor. The top prize went to Sovereign Land (originally part of the retail team at Gerald Ronson's Heron corporation), who had come as guests of Schroders, and who had the most property assets and cash when the whistle blew.

JOURNALISTS HAVE nnt looked forward to accompanying Her Majesty The Queen on her State visit to the oil kingdom

involved had to sign a Customs Declaration provided by the Royal Customs & Excise Department of Brunei, severely restricting the amount of alcohol they could take into the strictly Muslim country. The poor writers will not be able to buy booze for a full seven days, the length of the Royal visit.

The Customs form limits them to "two hottles of liquor or 12 cans of beer". They have also had to sign a statement saying the booze is for their personal consumption only.

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Commonwealth Games: Trinidadian beats Olympic silver medallist and world champion in fourth-fastest 100m ever

Boldon unleashes blistering pace

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM in Kuala Lumpur

FOUR YEARS ago, in the Common wealth Games 100 metres at Victoria, the precociously talented Ato Boldon trailed in the wake of Linford Christie. "He absolutely destroyed me," Boldon recalled. "I look back at that race and have the imsion he was a man running with

Four years on, it is the 5ft 9in Trinidadian who is walking tall after a race in which he came of age as a 100m championship competitor. This was the first significant victory in the short sprint for a 24-year-old whose 100m career until this point has been a matter of outstanding times at all the wrong times.

Yesterday Boldon found the right time for everything, defeating a field which included Nambia's quadruple Olympic silver medallist

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Frankie Fredericks, and the newly established World Cup champion from Barbados, Obadeleh Thomp-

Boldon's time was 9.88sec, just 0.04sec off the world record. Fredericks was second in 9.96 and Thompson beat the newly emerging Australian talent, Matthew Shirvington, to the bronze with a time of 10.00sec amid a tumult of noise from a crowd of close to 50,000.

It was company which proved too much for England's champion, Darren Campbell, who finished fifth in 10.08sec with Marlon Devonish three places behind in 10.22.

Boldon was patently delighted with an event which huge credence from the late decision of both Fredericks and himself to contest it. He had entered the race saying that it gave the Commonwealth Games legitimacy. He emerged from it having legitimised his own claim to being an outstanding 100m runner, even if he had not achieved his ambition of breaking the world record. "The track didn't give me back as ardy, the only serious challenger re-



ver 100 metres at the Commonwealth Games in Knala Lumpur yesterday. Namibia's Frankie Frederick's (No 1548) was second

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much as I had expected." he said. "But I'm happy with a win in 9.88. And more importantly, so is my

With the world record holder and Olympic champion, Donovan Bailey, out of action with a ruptured Achilles tendon that has put his career in jeop-

maining for Boldon is his American training partner Maurice Greene, the world champion, whom he hopes to beat in Tokyo on Saturday.

He would not be drawn on the subject of the 2000 Olympics, hut he was happy to dwell on a performance that lit him up like a bulb. "I am a track fan first," he said. "I knew that

people were worried about the 100m here at one time. But those kids and adults who have paid to come and watch this event can go home now and say, "I have seen a good race."

The credibility of the women's 5.000m was diminished by the withdrawal through injury of England's Paula Radcliffe and then Kenya's

Sally Barsosio. In their absence, the championship debut at the detitle went to Kate Anderson of Australia, who won in 15min 52.74sec. with Andrea Whitcombe claiming England's second silver medal in the athletics programme with a final lap surge, which bought her home in

Du'Aine Ladejo making his major

cathlon after switching from the 400m, ended the first day in third place after jumping up the rankings with a time of 46.12sec in his former specialist event. In the main men's 400m, Mark

Richardson qualified competently for Thomas's British record of 44.36sec

been reassured by the astonishing performance of his two Welsh rivals. Iwan Thomas and Jamie Baulch. . . who recorded 44.61 sec and 44.83 sec. respectively, despite chatting and larking their way through the final 20 metres of their semi-final. today's final hut can hardly have is surely under imminent threat.

Birchfield pair soar to golden heights

GOOD NEWS for England – even bet-ter news for Birchfield Harriers, as two of their number claimed gold medals on the second day of the athletics programme in the humid vastness of the Bukit Jalil Stadium. Step forward Robert Weir and

Weir, 37, now has a Commonwealth discus title to add to the one he won in the hammer 16 years ago at the 1982 Brisbane Games. If, as seems likely, a career which has out spanned those of such as Linford Christie and Roger Black is drawing to a close, this was a perfect way in which to end it.

The Birmingham thrower's accent has been modified by years of working in the United States, first as an American footballer - he narrowly missed selection for the San Francisco 49ers – and then in the coaching job at Stanford University to which he will return next month.

Before then he hopes to respond to an invitation to take part in the World's Strongest Man competition in North Africa, a title previously won by another English thrower, Geoff Capes. His competitive spirit has not weakened over the years. After seeing his second round leading throw of 63.12 metres surpassed by a fifthround effort of 63.91 from South Africa's Frantz Kruger, he responded with his next throw to send the discus out to 64.42 metres, a Commonwealth Games record.

Lewis finished off the job she had more than half completed the previous day to secure her second heptathlon title. After winning the long



Robert Weir on his way to discus gold yesterday

going into the last of the seven events the 800 metres that she could have given her nearest challenger a lead of 100 metres and still won. As it was, a time of 2min 21.90sec produced a final score of 6,513 points, which left the 26-year old comfortably clear of the silver medallist, Australia's Jane Jamieson.

Since winning the European title just 26 days earlier, an achievement which established her as the world No 1, Lewis had trained for jump in 6.52m and the javelin in just four days. "After my ankle injury 5122m, she had sufficient leeway earlier this year, I knew this was

going to be a season of consolidation so to score over 6,500 again when I know I have done less than 80 per

cent of the work I should have done

makes me feel very good," she said. There remained one task for her to complete. She intends to make sure that Candace Blades, the 18year-old Belize schoolgirl who finished 3,190 points behind her in last place, receives material assistance for her future career. "I've got to get her a decent pair of spikes," Lewis said. "Addresses have been

Sexton lands surprise gold

IN THE traditional carnival atmosphere of the last night of the swimming Katy Sexton produced the swim of her life to emerge as a surprise Commonwealth champion.

The 16-year old arrived from Portsmouth hoping for a best time and a place in the final of the 200metre backstroke, but a dramatic charge through the field down the final 50 metres took her from third to a nail-biting gold, winning by just 0.01sec in a British record time of 2:13.18

"I really just went out there and raced. Before coming to Kuala Lumpur I only set my intentions on improving my personal best. This was not expected at all," she said somewhat overwhelmed by her achievement. "I thought that not land's top performer of all time. winning a medal wouldn't exactly be look at the scoreboard, saw I was third and just went for it. I felt quite comfortable actually. It has gone really well, better than expected." said Sexton, who broke her own per-

sonal best by more than two seconds to win her first major international title six months after having knee

Helen Don-Duncan, the pre-race favourite, was also under the old record and finished third

Sue Rolph won her second gold medal of the games in a tense battle with Scotland's Alison Sheppard over the 50-metre sprint. These two have been trading British records in the event all summer and last night was the first time they raced head to head. Rolph's winning time of 25.82sec was some way off the record, but her

tally this week of two gold, one silver and two hronze makes her Eng-However, the games golden girl the end of the world, but I had a quick is Australia's Susan O'Neill, who was winning her sixth race in the 200 me-

tres butterfly. Her recording of

2:06.60 was the second fastest of all

England's man of the games by adding two silvers to the gold and silver he already has. Hickman led from the front in the 200 metres individual medley before Australian Matthew Dunn overwhelmed him in

the final stages. "I knew I would be in front after the first 100 and it would be up to him to catch me. Well, he did, but I'm very pleased with the medal and another British record." Hickman helped the four-times

100 metres medley team to a silver medal and another British record of

The race of the night was undoubtedly the 1500 metres freestyle. This is an event traditionally dominated by Australia and lining up was World record-holder Kieren Perkins, World Champion Grant Hackett and Olympic bronze medal-list Dan Kowalski. Hackett quickly took the lead and was never challenged, but the packed arena was roaring the three-way battle for silver as South Africa's Ryk Neethling

traded blows for 15 rounds with the

other two Australian heavyweights After 30 lengths, Neethling somehow found the strength to hold off his rivals for the shock result of these games. Caught in the crossfire Scotland's Olympic bronze medallist Graeme Smith and Ian Wilson finished fifth and sixth respectively.

Hackett was pleased to topple his

more famous compatriot. "To be the first to do that in eight years is fan-tastic," he said. "But his world record [14:41.66] is still out there. To be honest I want to get down to 14:40 in the next six to 12 months." Naturally, Perkins was not best

ased. "The most disturbing thing is that'a the first time I've been beaten internationally over 1500 metres for eight years and I don't like it," he

Australia won half of all the medals in the pool, including 23 golds. England finished second with five gold, eight silver and nine two gold medals short of their best bronze for a total of 22 medals, just games since Brisbane in 1982.

O'Neill's six of the best

to Bo Derek. Last night she set Commonwealth Games history by winning her sixth gold medal of the week and taking her all-time total to a perfect 10, writes James Parrack.

The blonde Queenslander was chasing two records simultaneously, the highest number of golds at a singla Cames, and the most golds ever won. Her victory in the 200 metres butterfly last night took them both, overtaking the Aussie legend Mike Wenden's haul of nine from the 70s.

Coached by Scott Volkers on Australia's Gold Coast, O'Neill is an ad man's dream. In a land where sport is revered and swimmers can become

SUSIE O'NEILL. Australia's golden millionaires, she has both the fabugirl, may as well change her name lous good looks and the phenomenal sporting success that has marketing agents begging for her endorsement. A winning smile will only go so far of course, but O'Neill has also done it all. Olympic champion, world champion, the list is virtually endless. With one notable exception. She does not have a world record.

Last night she took a step in pursuit of that goal by swimming the second fastest 200m hutterfly of all time. Her time of 2min 06.60sec put her just 0.7sec away from Mary T Meagher's Beamonesque mark of 2:05.96 from 1981. It is one of the holy grails of swimming and O'Neill is the only one who is even close.

And yet she appears wholly underwhelmed by her achievements. When asked about making Games history she meekly replied: "Um, it's probably the best feeling in the world." When asked on her assault on the Everest of world records, she is soft and gentle with harmless of-ferings on "staying focused" and

"Just wanting to do my best". The girl-next-door persona is in startling contrast to her feroclous desire to win. She is polite and patient and the darling of world swimming. And she is about to get married. Her fiancé is a doctor, as are her father and brothers. The sound of hearts hreaking across the swimming world will be deafening.



O'Neill: Stunning display

Solheim Cup: Confidence high in Nilsson's team but defending Americans will take some beating

Europe bank on team spirit

rived at Muirfield Village, a shrine to the legend that is Jack Micklaus, in much the same fashion as the men did 11 years o: ready to win for the first e on American soil. Not en Nicklaus' captaincy could prevent a team containing Ballesteros, Faldo, Woosnam, Lyle, Langer and Olazabal becoming the first from this side of the Atlantic winning the Ryder Cup in an away match.

Pia Nilsson's Swedish-dominated Solheim Cup team are far from assured of matching that achievement but for the first time in three stagings of the event in the States, Europe have a realistic chance of victory.

This is only the fifth playing of the Solheim Cup but it has quickly gained a competitive edge after its inaugural outing at Lake Nona in 1990. It was a one-sided encounter. Five of the eight members of the American team that won by seven Betsy King, Beth Daniel, Patty Sheehan and Pat Bradley were giants of the women's game. An upset home victory was achieved at Dalmahoy two years later but as the match has expanded to a full Ryder Cup format - 12-a-side with fourballs and foursomes on the first two

days - America has held sway. But the American stars have drifted away - only King and Dottie Pepper have played in all four matches, while Europe have five who have done simi-

EUROPE'S WOMEN have ar- BY ANDY FARRELL in Columbus, Ohio

> larly. That includes Trish Johnson, who practised for the first time this week after a painkilling injection to ease her stiff neck The session went well enough for Nilsson to stick to her original plan of pairing Johnson with Laura Davies in the top foursomes match against Pepper and Julie Inkster

> In Annika Sorenstam and Davies, the visitors have the best player and the most dominant personality in the women's game. More importantly, given Europe's poor showing in past Sunday singles, the strength in depth is higher than ever before.

Nilsson, a professional leader, as opposed to America's Judy Rankin, who is from the ex-player school of captaincy, has tried to concentrate the minds of her players over the three days of practice, with little games involving chipping and putting as well as non-golfing activities.

Though an all-Swedish pairing speaking in their native tongue has managed to upset some of the Americans in the past, Swedish has been banned in the team room and around non-Swedes. "It was very important for me that all the players felt that, though I am from Sweden, that all 12 of them are important," Nilsson said.

Pepper, the fiery soul of the American team, made it plain the Europeans should not treat



Laura Davies gets in some practice at the 12th hole yesterday in preparation for the Solheim Cup at Muirfield Village in Ohio

won for two years but I'm the

only one who hasn't."

but it is very solid. I see this as a very smart team and I'm Rankin, who led the United mighty glad because everyone States to a dramatic comeback who has been successful at Tournament at Muirfield Vil-

An on-course commentator for the TV network who annu-

the home side lightly. "If there is a weak link in this team it is me," Pepper said. "I haven't as physically strong as that one," Course. I have players like that."

Muirfield Village knew how to lage, Rankin knows Nicklaus's trink their way round a golf creation well. "I hope I've absorbed some information over the years," she said. "T've certainly seen some great players ally broadcast the Memorial play this course and I've tried to pass along a few things."

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Chavez talks a good fight

BY KIERAN DALEY

THE HYPE machine was in full flow yesterday as tonight's confrontation in Las Vegas between Julio Cesar Chavez and Oscar De La Hoya loomed

"He made up excuses after he lost to me the first time." De La Hoya said. "If he was a real man he would admit be lost and he still refuses to do so."

Two years after De La Hoya stopped a bloodied Chavez in the fourth round of their junior welterweight title tight, the champion is still waiting for Chavez to admit he was the better man that night.

"It's been in my mind for a ong time." De La Hoya said. "I don't think about it every single day but I do think about it. I start thinking: let's have a rematch and we'll settle it."

Chavez has done little to earn second shot against De La Hoya, other than to remain an irritant to the champion. But he still sells tickets, and he also has a storytine to sell in what figures to be his last hurrah at 36.

Though he didn't make it even a third of the way through their first fight, Chavez insists the result would have been different if he were not cut in the first round and could not see with blood flowing into his eyes.

"How am I supposed to give him respect if I was cut?" Chavez asks. "It doesn't make sense. I didn't give him any respect because he didn't earn it." Herbie Hide will heighten his demands for a fight with Lennox Lewis after the pair have fought on opposite sides of the Atlantic on Saturday week.

Hide, who defends his WBO heavyweight title against Willi Fischer in Norwich, insists that a contest between him and Lewis is one the heavyweight division needs - but first Lewis must overcome Croatian Zeliko Mayrovic in Connecticut six hours later. "On Saturday night the pub-

lic will get a chance to compare both boxers," said Hide. "And business can get underway."

Hide's promoter Frank Warren says he will take the fight "at the drop of a hat" and is confident the outcome would be in his man's favour. But Lewis' promoter Frank Maloney gave Hide's claims typically short shrift yesterday.

"The only one who wants the fight is Herbie Hide. Herbie Hide couldn't even sell out his front room," said Maloney.

"How can people compare the two fights on Saturday night? Lennox is fighting a tough guy while Hide is fighting a nobody who should not even be in the world rankings. "I would say the chances of Lennox fighting Hide are very

slim - and slim's out of town."

Rose blossoms in school race Darcy defies the pain

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The 18-year-old from Hampshire fired a five-under-par 67 other chance then you run out plagued him previously. at Chart Hills in Kent to finish of chances. I knew today was on 215 - one under par for my day and I was really focused three rounds - good enough to on going for it." secure ninth place with 10 school spots on offer.

since turning professional following his fourth-place finish at the Open, was elated. "It could have been one of those days when I put in a great effort and just fell short," Rose said. "But 11th - his second hole of the day. times you can he too laid-back."

JUSTIN ROSE produced the I guess you could say every-

"I didn't out too much preswas another pre-qualifier but if you keep thinking you've got an- no signs of the hooking that feet on the ground.

After shooting two rounds of Rose, who has struggled ity in a round with five birdies and no dropped shots. Four over for the tournament. over par at the start, Rose

At the par-four 13th, where he found water on his second round, Rose's drive was exemlong game was so far showing

Rose's birdle came at the par-five 12th where an excellent 74. Rose showed his true qual- After six holes, Rose was one under for his round and three

"I was mentally prepared," pars, chipping and holing out when I have a target to aim for I might go out to Lake Nona in from six foot at the par-three —more fiery and it helps. Some Florida and stay with a friend

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BOXING

Cologne next week could see Rose secure his tour card with plary, and on a windless day his a top-four finish. But the star of this year's Open is keeping his

"Things went for me, when before luck hasn't always been on my side since I turned pro," tee-shot and precise drive left he said. "The main thing for me him with a putt of just three feet. was to get to final qualifying, because at least when you're there even if things go badly you still have some options.

"I'm looking forward to Germany next week and in October of mine."

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The German Masters in EAMONN DARCY the 46-yearold Irishman who has suffered from back trouble for the past 10 years, shot a superb fourunder-par round of 67 to share the lead during the first round of the Lancome Trophy in Paris

yesterday. Darcy, who included three birdies and an eagle three at the eighth on his card, said: "Without the physio here on the European Tour I would not be playing.
"I have disc trouble and

have to have a massage before I play each day. This has kept me going and kept the problem at bay.

"But I had a bit of trouble this about six mouths off and will not morning. I was first off and I got play again until Dubai." here at 6.30 to have a massage and there was no one here at

"So I had to come back later stead of my customary halfhour," Darcy added. "But 15 minutes with the masseur is better than one hour on the practice ground for me." Darcy said that he was de-

lighted with his round. "I kept the ball in play and think I hit almost every fairway," he said. "I also putted OK.

of the year I intend to have 74.

Greg Turner, of New Zealand, also came in with a 67 along with Spain's Mignel Angel Jimenez, Australia's Stephen

and had only ten minutes in. Allan and England's Derrick Cooper. Turner had just one birdie in

an outward 34 but also birdied the second, sixth and ninth to make his score. Jimenez turned in 34, two under par, and then had further birdles at the tenth and 14th. Fred Couples, Lee Westwood and Nick Faldo all went round in 70 while "This is my last tournament Bernhard Langer slumped to

Bottles fly as rumpus mars Malaysia's narrow victory

S H O O T I N G

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18 S MacIntroln (Sco) 572.8; 2 S N P Chin
(Makay) 672.1; 8 K Engles (Can) 671.0. MALAYSIA, WITH a dramatic 2-1 victory over Canada, moved ahead of England to head their pool yesterday and will play India in the semi-finals while 1 6 Hactest (Aus) 14mh 50.92sec 2 R Neething (SA) 18:02.88 8 K Perking (Na) 15:02.88 5 G Snith (Sco) 15:23.42; 6 I Wilson (Eng) 15:29.83 England will now face the powerful Australians who head the second pool in their semi-final. The Scottish umpire David Wallis was surrounded and jos-

tled by the Canadian players at the end of the game and the Canadian bench was showered with plastic bottles. Canada's coach Shiaz Viriee said afterwards he was extremely disappointed with the behaviour of his players. "I do not condone their actions but players make mistakes and so do umpires. Unfortunately you can't sub-

stitute umpires."
As the players left the pitch, in addition to the harassing of

HOCKEY

BY BILL COLWILL

the unnire a Canadian player was seen to hit an object into the crowd and damage was done to a door of the Canadian dressing room. The English Tournament Director Peter Crane said that a police report had been called for and a letter had been sent to the Canadian manager.

The unfortunate fracas had come at the end of a highly entertaining game of hockey before a capacity 12,000 plus crowd, including the King of Malaysia and his Prime Minister Malaysia, a vastly improved

team than that which finished 11th in the World Cup three months ago, required a win to go through to the semi-finals,

Canada joining England. The stadium erupted as Nor Saiful Nasirudtin opened the

scoring in the 28th minute from their first penalty corner Canada were forced to come out of their defensive mode. A hush fell against India, with the guarover the stadium as Canada were awarded a penalty stroke captain Peter Milkovich calmly converted.

game as Malaysia recaptured the lead. A cross from the right Malaysian forward by the Canadian goalkeeper Mike Mahood, with the ball falling to Calvin Fernandez, who pushed

while a draw would have seen swarmed round Wallis to protest, demanding a free hit, with order only being restored when Wallis sent Milkovich off. Canada played out the game with 10 men and the host side went through to a semi-final

antee of a fourth sell-out. In the women's competition in the 53rd minute, which their Scotland lost their chance of a semi-final slot yesterday when they drew 2-2 with India Re-Milkovich was less calm five covering from a fifth minute minutes from the end of tha goal from the Indian captain Sita Gussain, who afterwards became the first player in the was cleared into the body of a tournament to be red carded (permanent suspension), Scotland, with goals from Rhona Simpson and Sue Gilmour, were leading with just four it into the net amidst mass minutes to go when India hysteria. The Canadians equalised.

Young claims hat-trick as Kiwis are routed

Australia stormed to a nine- Michael Gault claiming his third wicket win over New Zealand in the individual free pistol and in the second cricket semi- Chris Hector winning his secfinal, with the left-arm spinner ond in the air rifle competition. Brad Young claiming a hatbowled out for just 58.

and department of the same of

Stewart Cruikshank won trick as New Zealand were England's first weightlifting medal, taking silver in the 69kg The Australians raced to class, while Wales's David Mortheir victory target in 65 balls for gan won a silver in the 77kg

pearance in Brisbane 1982 where he took a silver and bronze; he missed out on Edinburgh and Auckland, but made his comeback in Victoria four years ago where he was second best again.

The Portsmouth soldier,

THE GOLD medal favourities in with two more gold medals, silver in the 20 kilometre final. tralia's Richard Rowles to Wallace, 37, made his first ap- reach the light-middleweight

"I've got this far, now I'm going for gold," the corporal said after his 21-10 victory. The England captain joins the light-flyweight, Gary Jones, lightweight Andy McLean, middleweight John Pearce, light-heavy Court-Chris Bessey, led England to-ney Fry and super-heavy Audley Harrison in the last four of

began steadily with a series of he said. "Tm a better player

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GAMES SCHEDULE AND TV COVERAGE

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the loss of one wicket and will snatch. play South Africa in the final.

England's veteran cyclist, wards their target of six boxing England's shooters weighed Shaun Wallace, had to settle for medals when he outfought Aus-

the competition.

Spaniards target semis

BY JOHN ROBERTS

in Bournemouth

won, 6-3, 6-2.

went 4-3 ahead. The Dutchman,

serving at 40-0, lost the next five

points and found himself on a

roll. The next six games flashed

by, and Costa led by a set and

4-0 before sealing the match.

wait for him to come out,"

Costa said.

OUR OF the quarter-finalists at the Samsung Open today are Spaniards, kept apart by a Gernan, an Austrian, an Italian and 3 Frenchman, Britain provides afternoon tea.

The tournament's champions, Albert Costa (1996) and čelix Mantilla (1997), continue to prosper on the green clay at the West Hants Club here and may go on to duel in Sunday's final.

Mantilla, seeded No 3 to meet his compatriot Alberto Berasategui, the top seed, in the semi-finals, must first overcome the Austrian left-hander Stefan Koubek, ranked No 143 in the world. Berasategui, who has never played in Britain before, faces Germany's Marc-

Costa, the No 2 seed, is due to play the Frenchman Arnaud Clement, ranked No 91. The fourth Spaniard, Alex Lopez-Moron, has to deal with an Italian named after the Holy Father, Vincenzo Santopadre (the Pope once took tennis lessons from Wojtek Fibak).

Henman eases into last eight

early trouble in his President's Cuo match vesterday to keep his title defence alive in Tashkent.

The British No 1 and world No 11 beat Eyal Ran of Israei, 6-4, 6-1, and next plays the Italian Stefano Pescosolido in the quarter-finals today.

Henman dropped his serve in the first game, immediately broke back, but was broken again to level the first set at 4-4. However, he wan eight of the next nine games to advance and remains on course to take

TIM HENMAN battled back from on Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the

At the Compaq Seniors event in Paris, Argentina's Guillermo Vilas beat Bjorn Borg - 20 years after losing to the Swede in the French Open final, Vilas, who at 46 is the oldest player at the Paris tournament, won 6-4, 2-6, 10-7, the last set being decided by a tiebreak.

"Nothing has changed. Maybe you just feel that your half of the court is a little bigger to cover," Vilas said. Results, Digest, page 31

tournament. Mantilla assisting in a minor cull by defeating Jordi Burillo, who eliminated Sergi Bruguera in the opening

Mantilla (his name is the among the most effective in the game, put the shot to good use same as a woman's comb and he died his dark hair blond for in his second round match yesterday, leaving the Dutchman a bet) lost to Tim Henman in Dennis Van Scheppingen scrambling for a foothold. Costa the second round of the United States Open. He was also beaten by the Briton before he Van Scheppingen made a promising start, breaking for 3could raise a racket at the ATP Tour Championship in Hanover 2, but Costa broke back and last November.

That story began at Bournemouth last year when Mantilla lost his mobile phone. This seemed a small consideration at the time, as he went on to defeat Carlos Moya in the final

Mantilla was not among the Should Berasategui and Costa advance to meet in the eight qualifiers for Hanover final, there could be a race in where Thomas Muster, on the shower room. Both players stand by as an alternate, subhave a superstition about using stituted for the injured Greg Rusedski against Moya during the same shower after every match while they are winning. the round-robin. "If he's using 'my shower', I'll

A second injury, to Bruguera, left the organisers desperate for a replacement to Eight Spaniards started the complete the round-robin and Mantilla was the highest ranked player within reach.

The ATP Tour tried unsuccessfully to contact Mantilla and left a message on his mobile number - the one mislaid in Bournemouth. There was no response, so the ATP Tour turned to Henman instead. Henman dashed from the National Championships in Telford, improved his ranking by beating Kafelnikov, and flew back from Hanover to win the Nationals for the third time consecutively.

"I was in Barcelona training." Mantilla said. "I don't like to think that there was one person who didn't want me to go to Hanover. I am trying to forget what happened, because it was a bad experience."

It could have been worse Mantilla might have lost out to someone wearing a kiss-mequick hat.

Olano keeps up the pressure



Yellow jersey holder Abraham Olano (centre) follows team-mate Mark Beltran during his breakaway in the 12th stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday. Also in pursuit is Switzerland's Alex Zuelle (left). Italian Gianni Bugno won the stage, but Olano retained the yellow jersey

Roberts must return home

MANCHESTER GIANTS and the basketball authorities pulled back from confrontation yesterday over allegations that the Budweiser League Club broke salary cap rules with the result that Porter Roberts, the American point guard, heads back to his home in Chattanooga, Tennessee,

The Giants yesterday submitted a revised player list for the season omitting the name of Roberts. The League accepted the new roster and then cancelled the appeals

BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

last night. However, Jay Goldberg, the

Giants general manager, rejected the claim that by sending bome Roberts they acknowledged their original line-up had exceeded the salary cap of around £150,000 per club.

Goldberg said: "It is not an acknowledgement that we broke the cap. The League

asked us to follow certain procedures, we have done that and now Porter is going home.

"It's not easy to explain to

a young kid that he's lost his job, not because he wasn't good enough, but because of a perception in the League about this club. But he took it We could have dragged this

ontall season but now we must move on with a smile. I have a 17,000-seat arena to fill and people want to see a winning team." Roberts' defensive intensity

was expected to be a key force

Manchester for the first time in club history. The former Purdue University Boilermaker was defensive player of the year in American college basketball's prestigious Big 10 conference and spent last season playing in South America.

in bringing a major honour to

The 24-year-old Roberts played 38 minutes in Giants' opening night 86-81 win over Birmingham on Saturday.

The Giants' John White has recovered from injury and is fit to face Thames Valley tomor-

London look to change history

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

LONDON BRONCOS must rewrite their history if they are to keep alive their hopes of a playoff place against St Helens at The Stoop tonight.

London, in all their manifestations from Fulham onwards, have never beaten Saints. They need to do so this evening if their late scramble for the top five is to succeed. "Bradford are still the favourites," the Broncos' chief executive, Tony Rea, said, "But if we win, it puts great pressure on them at Wigan on Sunday night." London are still without

Terry Matterson, but expect Shaun Edwards to start the game after coming on as a substitute at Sheffield last week. He is likely to be alongside Glen Air, who, along with the promising young Londoner, Dominic Peters, has agreed a new contract for next season. Luke Goodwin, who kicked

the winning drop goal at Sheffield last Friday, is to leave, however. The former Oldham player is to join London Scottish. Ironically, London are likely to be facing the player they see as the injured Matterson's ideal replacement, when he retires at the end of this season.

Rea confirmed that the Broncos are still keen on Karle Hammond, who has had his latest offer of a new contract withdrawn by Saints, but they face competition from clubs closer to home. "It could come down to one of these north-south things," Rea said. "So we really hope he enjoys it in London not including the game itself." Leeds, who will make math-

ematically certain of second place if they beat Hull tonight, have Paul Sterling and Marc Glanville back, with Ryan Sheridan and Brad Godden taking their turn to be rested against the first side to defeat them in Super League earlier

Stadium crew apply to work 24-hour days

THERE ARE tremors in the vicinity of Cardiff Arms Park as the Millennium Stadium, which will be the focus for the 1999 Rugby World Cup to be bosted hy the Welsh Rugby Union, begins to take shape. The fate of the largest sporting construction project in this country for the last 75 years would appear to lie in the hands of Cardiff County Council.

The construction company Laing, who are in charge of the £121m project, have warned that unless they are permitted round-the-clock work then they cannot guarantee meeting the completion date, set at 16 June,

An application by Laing for 24-hour working has been deferred by the council until 30 September while more consultation with the public is carried out; residents in neighbouring Westgate Street are fearful that their lives will be disrupted by the all-night working, although Laing have offered to install secondary glazing to help cut out the noise.

Laing have said that if 24hour working was not allowed then it would not be able to keep the project on track. According to a spokesperson for Laing, the 24-hour working for certain areas of the project had been incorporated into the original scheduling." To date everyone insists that the 72,500-seater stadium is on schedule and the marketing is geared up for the inaugural match between Wales and South Africa on 26 June next year.

A little earlier than that, one or two players have discovered that they will be unable to meet their recovery schedules. Richmond captain Ben Clarke, who injured his left shoulder against Gloucester last week, misses a return to his old stamping ground at Bath after failing to recover in time. Scott. Quinnell is set for a return although John Kingston, Richmond's director of rugby, is not naming his side until tomorrow and there are signs that changes may be made following last week's defeat at their new home in Reading.

And Bath's stand-in captain,

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

the side in their opening two Allied Dunbar Premiership matches, finds himself dropped to the bench for the clash. The former England captain's place goes to the Ireland international Kevin Maggs, signed from Bristol in the summer, who has been playing out of his skin for the club's second team. Meanwhile, flanker Ben Sturnham, signed from Saracens in the summer is moved up to the second row with Nigel Redman.

Another former captain in the news is Lawrence Dallaglio. He is ready to make a long-awaited return for Wasps at London Trish tomorrow after making a complete recovery from a shoulder injury.

Dallaglio, who gave up the leadership of Wasps at the end of last season and stood down as England captain for the summer tour, has not played since the Tetley's Bitter Cup final last May. Wasps will also be without concussion victim Gareth Rees, whose place at fly-half goes to Josh Lewsey, with Jon Ufton coming in at full-back. The Exiles give the England Under-21 prop Michael Worsley his first start in the Premiership. He takes over from Peter Rogers, who joined the England prop Jason Leonard at a disciplinary hearing in London last night after being sent off against Gloucester on 5 September

Harlequin Leonard was facing the prospect of a lengthy ban following his dismissal for alleged stamping against Northampton last weekend and that could jeopardise his England career A 60-day ban, the statutory punishment for such an offence, would free Leonard for action just two days before they play the Netherlands on 14 November.

Another player back in action, and favour, is Gloucester and England hooker Phil Greening, who also went on England's nightmare trip to the Southern Hemisphere. Greening has come in ahead of close rivals Neil McCarthy and Chris Fortey for Sunday's game Phil de Glanville, who has led at home to West Hartlepool

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9	320262	HIGHLY FANCIED (12) Miss L Perrett 8 0. W Steppi
10	35/233	JUST FOR YOU JANE (1) TJ Neutron 7 10_0 Morate (5)
13	005549	CLASS WAN (30) J Golde 7 DN Kenned
12	36331	TICKLISH (17) (D) W Happes 7 10
13	430221	
74	53350	
5	403430	DOUBLE TWO (27) T Easterby 7 10L Charmock
18	080520	RISKY EXPERIENCE (1) P Exerts 7 10
1		~18 declared ~

BETTING: 6-1 Alestair Smellie, 7-1 Princely Greens, 6-1 College Deers, Buride Bart Ownery, Never Can Tell, Ticktish, 12-1 cathe

An open race in which it can pay to rely on the proven ability of TICKLISH to handle the ground. Princely Dress and Bod-

3.00 RAUCETS FOR RADA & MENNELL CONTROLS H'CAP (C) £10,000 filles & mares 1 m 25

1	550306	TOPATORI (51) M Tomplers 49 2	A Nicholis (5) 12
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3	211404	FICHEN LANE (18) (D) M Johnston 3 88	
		SURRY ISLE PAY C VIN 498.	
		CASHERE LADY (13) JL Eye 9 85	
		SEVER STRAND (4) (BP) BHM 382	
		THE WILD WIDOW DE J Suspece 48 13	
		HEVER GOLF PASSION (13) TJ Naughton 3	
		REINE CERUSE (14) S Woods 38 11	
		ACEBO LYTHIS FIRE A JEWS 389	
		FLOWER O'CANNE (17) MW Essetty 389	
		MARATHON MAID (23) A Fahey 485	
		ASHLEIGH BAKER (26) (C) A Bulley 384.G	
		MUSS SALSA DANCER (14) O Smith 8 7 13	

BETTING: 4-1 Confessore Lady, 7-1 Best Of AL, Surary lefe, Silver Strand. Topatori, Robin Lane, 10-1 The Wild Widow, Acebo Lyons, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

Severel possibilities, but CASHMERE LADY looks sure to be vesing conditions and should find the Healy strong gallop to her

Bring. There are grounds for anticipating improved displays from the Bas of Surery Isle, Flower O'Cennie and Ashleigh Bales, but Best Of All could prove most troublesome.

2.30	CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m 1f 20yds
	PLAN FOR PROFIT (II) (II) M Johnston 494 D Holland 1
2 003012	TEST THE WATER (16) ESF) A Harmon 480 B Custer

8 04-050	NORAL BOY (USA) (1) A Balley 4 8 12G Bardand
4 321000	FAMBO WALTZER (15) (D) D Nichola 8 8 12
	WELLAKI (USA) (15) J Gosten 48 12 G Hind 51
8 053-	OFFICIAL (485) D Sham 48 ft
	BERNARDO BELLOTTO (12) M Bel 3 8 B
	SOMERTON BUY (16) (CO) P Calest 8 8 9 J Carroll
	CELEBRATION CAUCE (11) (C) (D) (SF) Mass L Perrett 8 87
10 016-05	DESERT SAND (13) (C) J Human 8 87 E Johnson 19
11 356155	FALLS O'MONESS (23) (CO) E Alaton 4 87
	HIGH PREMIUM (38) (C) (D) R Fahey 10 87
	PLEASANT DREAMS (17) (D) D Smith 3 62 R Windon (3)
	FUNADRUM (20) J Hererton 5 8 2
	WALTZTREE (11) 1 Semple 482 R Lappin 1
	AMENGTON GETL (11) F Evers 37 2 F Egen 41

BETTING: \$-2 High Premium, 11-2 Test The Water, 6-1 Flam For Profit, Wellald, 7-1 Someton Boy, 8-1 Results Walker, 10-1 Depart Sand, Place

~18 declared ~

FORM VERDICT

Jack Henson had a whner as an owner here yo his Desert Sand has probably been laid out for the race, but she lacks sometimg in experience against some hardened sorts, including PLAN FOR PROFIT, providing there land too much

3.30 AON CONSULTING 'DEBRA' NURSERY HANDICAP (C) £8,000 added 2YO 1m 1 24311 ICE (15) (D) M Johnston 97..... 2 365510 THE HAULER (31) T Easterby 84

5 34040 TOUS LES JOURS (USA) (15) N Johnston 8 2 .. J Feening 9

- 11 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Ice, 6-1 Codell, 7-1 Justupyourstreet, Col-Woody, 8-1 The

Hautler, Tous Les Jours, 10-1 Terasco, 12-1 offices

FORM VERDICT

CODSCIL can follow in the footsteps of her dam. Own Free Will who wan twice in the space of 24 hours at this meeting 1988. This locks a less competitive event than the nurseri in which she has run creditable recently (out at the handicap lest time). Stablemete Tarasco is a clark horse, but Justupy-

A OO STRACHAN KERR STAKES (CLASS C)

•	4.00	28,000 added 2YO 71
ı	B7430	GLANNYDOEN (36) (D) J Berry 95, G Carte
•		MOMAN PLLIME (44) C Thornton 95
;	10	MINI LOOGE (27) (0) J FitzGereid 85
ļ		THANK HEAVENS (5) (0) M Channon 91
i		9(PPLE (20) (C) D Smith 8 0

BETTING: 2-1 Mini Lodge, 5-2 Thank Howard, 7-2 Dipple, 5-1 Inclian Plante

FORM VERDICT

4.30 LINCOLN MILD CIGARS HANDICAP

	T longer of tiplood mages 11
1 185200	PERSIAN FAYRE (26) (C) (D) J Berry 8 100 G Cirrior;
2 115208	BIODFARI PRIDE (86) (D) A Bailey 3 9 10 G Faultiner (3)
3 108400	GREY KINGDOM (6) (CD) M British 79 5 D Normagh (6)
4 223100	WAY OUT YONUTER (28) B Hits 3 9 3
5 228040	CARAMBO (13) (D) J L Eyre 592C Lowther
8 -DODES	HEWARE (7) D Nicholis 391Alex Granes
7 63310	MAYTTONS MISTAKE (TS) (CD) (BF) RHodges 59 1_R Havin (3)
8 057011	KING UNO (10) (D) E Abton 48 to (5eq
9 065643	JACK-OWIE-TWO (to) (U) R Whitelear 4 9 9 Down McKerown 1
10 000000	NEW CAPRICORN (USA) (18) (D) C Parker 8 89 J Carrol
11 112514	LUNCH PARTY (27) (D) J Berry 58 8 Iona Wands (5
12 044510	TIMES O'WAR (USA) (16) T Easterby 5 88 L Charnock
13 533012	DISCRIMINATION (13) (D) Mrs J Planischer 5 8 7 J Fortune
14 D46D40	SELICIRK ROSE (15) Mas L Perratt 3 8 8
15 21-600	SET TRAIL (16) (CD) J Histon 3 85
16 1-0002	WILTON (13) J Hetherton 3 7 to
F7 00400S	AMBON (81) (C) J Berry 77 7 10

Minimum: 7st 10th. True harrolicap weights: Auron 7st 0th. BETTING: 8-1 Discrimination, 8-1 King Uno, 7-1 Sociient Pride, Mython Mistaka, 10-1 Jay-Owe-Two, Lunch Perty, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT

An extremely difficult handicap with any number to consider Preference goes to BEWARE, from a stable so often successful with acquisitions, and open to improvement at this trip after a good effort over 6f on Seturday. He has a low draw, whereas a number of the leading contenders (including Grey Kingdom and King Uno) may not be ideally placed towards the outside.

5.00 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP (CLASS D) \$7,000 added 2m 17 105vds

-		2 P) 21,000 BUGGG 2111 11 103903
1	221312	MONDRAGON (17) Mrs M Reveloy 89 10
2	1586	TOUCHEZ DU BOIS (37) (BP) M Johnston 8 88 J Carro
8	44343	MAZZELMO (17) A Balley 5 9 7 8 Barth
4	213250	BACK ROW (4) (C) J Holmson 4 9 7
5	030004	CAMPASPE (21) J FilzGerald 89 7. D Holland
8	305882	CLARITY (16) A Jarvis 8 8 8 D Sweet
7	-30210	SPARTAN ROYALE (11) (D) P Montelth 483 O Pee
8	141020	NORTHERN MOTTO (21) J Goldie 5 82
8	521324	SHARAF (4) (D) (BF) W MAIN 58 12
10	500-00	SELMESTON (44) (CD) SC Williams 883GH
11	-04631	UNITFORM (11) Miss S Hall 3 88 (5et)
2	5010	MORTHERN ACCORD (1)(BF) Mrs J Ramedon 480 J Forts
13	-00440	ELLERBECK (21) J Jefferson 87 13
14	012102	GIVE AN INCH (10) (C) W Spray 8 7 12 I McAuley

— 14 Gettered — BETTIMO: 7-2 Mondragon, 5-1 Mazzaimo, 6-1 Sheraf, 8-1 Campaspe, 10-1 Back Row, Clarity, Northern Motto, 12-1 Northern Accord, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Despite the delega of Tareshean yesterday, GIVE AN INCH.
runner-up to Sir Mark Prescutts Improved stayer at Newcastle
test week, a worth supporting. She goes from strength to strength and will be well suited by this trip. Cid rival Northern Motto and Mondragon could prove most dangerous.

HUNTINGDON

2.20 Desert Mountain 2.50 Mukdar 3.20 Dubelle 3.50 Bungee Jumper 4.20 Lake Of Loughrea 4.50 Ross Dancer 5.20 Ghost

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

Bight-hand, level course. Run-in 200yds.

Course is at junction of A1 and A604. Huntingdon station (service from London, King's Cross) tm. ADMISSION: Members 212; Paddook 210; Course 25 CAR PARK: Free. CAPs Students halfprice in Tatta,

III LEADING TRAINERS: G Hubbard 16-67 (239%), K Befley
16-68 (239%), Mrs M Reveley 10-29 (345%), M Pipe 9-26 (345%),

III LEADING JOCKEYS: R Durwoody 17-68 (27%), M A Fizgeraid 13-74 (178%), N Williamson 11-64 (172%), A P McCoy 9-38 (237%),

III FAVOURITES: 209-478 (439%),

BLINKERED FIRST TIME; Shent Cracker (2.20), Lake Of

Loughres (visored, 420), Ozzle Jones (450),

2.20 BOB ARNOLD MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds

23085- SUMMER VILLA (128) K Wingrows 8 107 _____ W Marston 8 -8 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Cyrus The Great, 9-4 Depart Mountain, 3-1 Stient Cracier, 8-1 Snowbey, 14-1 Prince de Berry, 25-1 Papid Paecal, Sommer Ville, 33-1 Grantern Pride

POUG-4 SNOWBOY (SS) R Line 6 TO 12 R. Johnson 02530 DISSERT MOURTAIN (135) (D) N Calegher 8 TO 10 P Cerberry

FORM VERDICT

a countr. CYRUS THE GREAT would have been An insurang operate CYTUS THE GREAT WOUld have been a few pounds behind Desert Mountain (chasing debut) and Silent Cracker (blinkered first time) over hurdles, but appeared to be taking well to fances before crumpling on landing with the race at his march at Stratford in July He is persevered with

2.50 POINT PERSONNEL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 110yds

FORM VERDICT Form pick GLORIOUS ENCOUNTER Improved to win over course and distance last time and will be hard to beat on that form, with the possibility of further progress to come. Tangshart, who may also be open to improvement, could be the

3.20 HAPTLEYS JAMMY JUMPERS H'CAP CHASE (E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds CHASE (E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds

1 #250- CHASE (E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds

2 #2550- CHASHING GRI. (135) £3) 0 Sharwood 7 ft U.R Danwoody

2 #2550- WHO'S TO SAY (16) £3) 0 P Printed 2 10 9.00 P Printed

5 #2444 DURELLE (15) £0) J Mag 8 10 4 L L Curroins (5)

4 #07362 SIGMA RIN (10) DJ J J O'Shes 9 10 4 L L Circle Breaman V

5 #2554 XAIPETE (14] £0) H Mag 9 10 4 L L L Circle Breaman V

6 #0651 SUPER SHARP (N2] (16) £00) I Williams 10 10 0 L V Stattary

7 #PU4 FAR EAST (12) £3) £0) N Aylife 8 10 8 L L L He R Fortstat (7)

8 #2555 CADO'S FRET (14) £0) N Aylife 8 10 8 L L He R Fortstat (7)

48 himmun weight: 10st. This handcap weighter Xaipete 9st 13th, Super Sharp

5 12th, Fir East 8st 7th, Cadoly's Fart 8st 25).

8 ETTING: 6 4 Charming Grif, 4-1 Dubelle, 13-2 Sigma Run, Xaipete, 7-1

Who's 10 Say, Super Sharp, 25-1 Far East, 33-1 Cadoly's First

FORM VERDICT Charming Girl has the ability to win of this mark in an interesting little race, but she was not an accomplished jumper last season and, taking a big churk of the market as the close, is oppossible. Xiappete is tempting but preference is for StGMA RUN, who came back to form here last time out.

A tricky little race. There is a possibility that Mini Lodge is flat-tered by his Listed race effort at Debuville (less than 5t covered the first ten home), and it may be worth siding with INDIAN PLUME, whose Pontefract form stands up to inspection. Dip-

4	3 50	GOODLIFF HANDICAP HURDLE
•	5.00	GOODLIFF HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 110yds
	/C18-1	WAKEEL (USA) (18) (CD) M Plonen 8 12 0 L Corcoran (7)
		BARTHOLOMEN FAIR (18) (U) C Duyer 7 11 O.M Mooney (7)
ı		CRANGE ORDER (18) (D) F Jorden 5 10 4
ļ	P404	BUNGEE JUMPER (13) (CO) P Bradey 8 102 A Magdire 8
ı		SOUTHERN CHEEF (25) W G M Turner 4 102 J Power (7) 8
ļ		MR MONTAGUE (18) (D) T Dorredy 6 10 0
	-	THE RELEGION NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.

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8 BOOK O SWEET TREATING (12) M Tabo 7 10 0 __

Walkest will be popular after his decisive win here on his resp-perance but this is slightly tougher and, considering his like-ly shortish price, he may be worth opposing. THE IN-LAWS has not reproduced snything like her best Plat form over hur-des, but did not well until falling at Ludlow test winter and has similar conditions (ground 2m, on a flat track) for the first time since. She is worth chancing.

4.20 RAILWAY ARMS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (G) \$2,000 added 3m 2f

| HURDLE (G) 52,000 240420 371 27 | Plass GALE ANEAD (Z7) (D) J O'Shea 8 11 10 ... Michael Brezzum B 2 ZFU-P MOOBAKKR (USA) (37) (K Morgan 7 in 2 ... A 5 Sanith 3 - F2x(P) SWEET CREAUX (17) (D) PBOWEN 5 11 0 ... W Merchael 8 2 FP-6 WEATHER WISE (18) (D) W 6 M Turner 8 10 SL. N Williamston 5 34434 LARC OF LOTIGHTER (18) (C) J Marche 8 10 SL. N Williamston 5 5 34434 LARC OF LOTIGHTER (18) (C) J Marche 8 10 SL. N Williamston 7 5 5602 SPICMAN (USA) (T) O Winds 5 10 7 ... If Kalghley (7) B 5 5002 SPICMAN (USA) (T) O Winds 5 10 7 ... If Kalghley (7) B 7 5602 SPICMAN (USA) (T) O Winds 5 10 7 ... If Kalghley (7) B 6 5002 SPICMAN (USA) (T) O Winds 5 10 7 ... If Kalghley (7) B 7 5602 SPICMAN (USA) (T) O Winds 5 10 7 ... If Kalghley (7) B 7 6002 SPICMAN (USA) (T) O Winds 5 10 7 ... If Johann 10 0 POOS MR GOOKSHUT (18) F LOTIGHT B 10 0 ... A Maguire 10 declared -

Goording vas Sb. BETTRIC: 3-1 Spicoan, 4-1 Lake Of Laughres, 5-1 Sweet Classum, 13-2 Weather Wiss, 7-1 Gels Ahead, Rinne de Value, 12-1 Moobelds, Inchydoney

FORM VERDICT SPIONAN may be the answer here. He is in good form-which is more than be said for most of these—and improving to judge bye decent third in better company last time. 4.50 LINX AMATEURS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m

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1 120-5 SOLO GENT (27) (CD) A P Jones 9 11 10 ... Allies P Gundry (7)
2 24(22 CAZIE JONES (24) (D) (SF) K Peace 7 11 8. Allies L Peace (7) 8
3 PAPS DARMINGLY (26) (D) (SF) K Peace 7 11 8. Allies L Peace (7) 8
4 -25,14 MOUNTHERRY STAR (13) (D) JL Webber 10 108 Mr S Stongs (7)
5 -3692 WILLCHRIS (20) (D) (SF) D Burchell 11 (D 8 Mr S Stongs (7)
6 A-333 WILLCHRIS (20) (D) (SF) D Burchell 11 (D 8 Mr S Stongs (7)
7 3/P-40 MISSER GOODGEN (13) (D) JL Webber 10 10 Allie Stellar (7)
8 3PAPS GOSS DANCER (17) (D) Williams 7 10 2 Mr Edger Byrns (7)
10 F2P42- HOLLOW SOURD (124) (D) J Mexile 9 10 C... Mr O McPhall (5)
11 00-05P MOON-FNOS (45) Mex 2 Davison 11 10 0 Mr J D Moors (7)
- 11 declared -Minutum weight: 102: True handicap weighte: Ross Dancer & Hollow Sound (94 10), Moon-Fnog 9st

9st 10th, Moon-Frog 9st. BETTING: 5-2 Willobris, 7-2 Mounthenry Stor, 5-1 Ozzie Jones, 6-1 Min-ter Goodguy, 7-1 Ross Dancer, 10-1 Solo Gent, Chester, 20-1 others FORM VERDICT

WILLCHRIS has found some improvement over fences and will be difficult to peg back here, though in-form Ozzie Jones and dual course where Mieter Goodguy are respected. Last year's winner Solo Gent has a deal more to do at the weights. 5.20 SEPTEMBER INTERMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (H) £1,500 2m 110yds

FORM VERDICT With so little evidence to go on, this race is beet evolded by all those not prwy to information; the market will be informative. WHAT YOU KNOW is a token choice. $b_{D_{XX}}$

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Arc Trial leaves hopefuls Scorned

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the animals expected to frank concerns the participation of their credentials for France in just over two weeks' time, but Bin Suroor is uttering very all they could do was fill the confident noises about Daylaframe behind a horse for whom mi and Sea Wave, who pera place had been the brightest prospect at start of play. Scorned is not entered in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and neither is he to be supplemented for the project.

in the money and he's exceeded expectations," Ian Balding, the winning trainer, said. "He's a lovely horse and, while I might be slightly biased because we bred him, he's very likeable. He should be a lovely

Posidonas will go

Longchamp only if the weathyesterday. It didn't quite work er turns the way that followed the construction of another morning then several pieces of Taipan and Posidonas were ark, and more positive oews another pair of horses. Saeed formed at either end of the spectrum over the weekend.

The former appears to be superficially in good order following his success in the Man record and a four-length victo-O' War Stakes at Belmont Park ry later, they felt a little more "I thought we'd do well to be on Saturday. His trainer does not share the doubts of others that the Arc trip is outside his

Sea Wave had the shortest prep race in Arc memory in the Prix Nie) on Sunday, decanting Frankie Dettori after five yards. "He's never done that before,"

aged your leg.

Sea Wave will be given a stalls test at Newmarket this nice horse," the trainer said. morning, then several pieces of He's that already. sharp work to ready himself for the big day. Hope is by no means lost Godolphin were staggered by the gallops Sea Wave was producing with some of their best creatures before the Great Voltigeur and were fearful that the colt would not be able to produce a similar display on the track. A course

David Loder would be hard pressed to improve his record with two-year-olds but he's doing his best. The Newmarket

comfortable. In addition, Sea

Wave has reportedly improved

then nominated the Dewhurst Stakes as the colt's next outing. "We hope be's going to be a very

aware that Loder has ammunition to spare. "There's a few more still to come," he said. "Enough to keep us busy until the end of the season. "I very much enjoy training two-year-olds because they're

Fearful trainers should be

fresh and they don't know any better. Hopefully, everything they know is what you teach For these who keep note-

books in their anorak pockets, there are some Loder horses worth remembering for the weeks ahead. They are Lujain (Middle Park), Calando (Filhes' Mile and Breeders' Cup Jutrainer, who has a 44 per cent venile), Simee (Royal Lodge) strike-rate with his juveniles, and Kareymah (Prix Marcel Bin Suroor said, in the com- welcomed back Berlioz after Boussac). You have been told.



Scorned (sheepskin noseband) forges ahead in the Arc Trial at Newbury yesterday

Police make 11th arrest in race-fixing inquiry

AN 11TH man has been arrest-lieved to be in Spain at the time ed as part of the ongoing Scotland Yard investigation into allegations of race-fixing. The man, reportedly a close friend of some leading jockeys and bookmakers, had his South-

of the raid.

Yard yesterday confirmed: "A He has been balled to return in later released from ball without 52-year-old man who attended a Central London police station

October."

The arrest was the latest with his lawyer was arrested at made in connection with the "A number of addresses have West London home raided by approximately 11am [on case which first saw jockeys been searched and enquiries detectives in July. He was be- Wednesday] in connection with Jamie Osborne, Dean Galare continuing."

cases of doping at two race- lagher and Leighton Aspell courses in March 1997 and in- among four people held in dawn A spokesman for Scotland stances of alleged race-fixing. raids on 27 January. Aspell was further questioning.

The Yard spokesman added:

HYPERION'S

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and that is as true for CLAXON as it is for any of them. John Dunlop's scopey, well-bred filly showed enough promise on her debut to suggest that she can take care of Godolphin repre-3.10: Most of these fillies sentative Itlak and the Newpromise to improve significantly, market fourth Fragrant Oasis.

3.40: This race nearly always throws up a classy performer and four of the seven runners in this latest renewal hold entries in top juvenile races. The Chapple-Hyam colt ENTERTAINER is one of them and is selected fol-lowing his narrow defeat at the hands of Caledonian Colours in a maiden at Haydock earlier in the month. Gold Academy's Goodwood form warrants ptenty of respect, while there are several fancy pedigrees on view among the others.

4.10: This will take plenty of sort-ing out, but LA MODISTE makes appeal on her best form, and caught the eye at Epsom last time in no uncertain terms. The Gay Kelleway-trained runner is well treated on her best form. Mustique Dream and Further appeal, while Jorrocks attempts to follow up last year's win. Ian Balding's runner is not in the same form this time, however, and has a very difficult draw to

NEWBURY

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2.10 A)rahaai 2.40 Dark Albatross 3.10 Claxon

4.10 Free Option 4.40 King Alex 5,10 Hetra Heights 3.40 Entertainer

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in back straight). Penetrometer reading 3.08. STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - outside. ORAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best for 5f to 7f.

III. Lett-hand course with long straights.

III. Racecourse is south east of the town near AS4. Railway station (service from London, Paddington) adjoins the course. ADMISSION: Members Enclosure 514; Tattersalis S3; Siver Ring 54 (OAPs half price), CAR PARK: Southmead 52, Picnic area 54, remainder these

our reading TRAINERS: J Gooden 35 wins from 135 runners (258%), P Chapple-Hyern 33-159 (208%), P Cole 24-896 (121%), R Hamnon 24-44 (58%), H Cooli 19-89 m LEADING JOCKEYS: J Reid 52 wins from 313 rides (186%), T Outon 37-285 (13%), Pat Eddery 30-294 (10.2%), K Fellion 20-107 (19.7%), M Hills 20-199 (10.1%), R Hills 18-18 (15.3%).

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		2.10	NORTHBROOK MAIDEN STAKES added 3YO 1m (straight)	(CLASS D) £5,000
	1		ALRAHAAL (USA) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Gooden 9 0	
ا د	2	03-33	ANEMOS (10) (Anches Michael M Jarvis 80	
Ŋ	3		APPROACHABLE (USA) (K Abrille) J Gosden 80	
4.1	4	604226	BOMB ALASKA (9) (BP) (Miss 8 Swind) G Bailding 98	S Drower 15
- 1	5		BRILLIANT CORNERS (Michael Pescoo) R Charton 98	T Speaks 12
- 1	9	0	CADW (198) (JT Thomas) Lord Huntington 98	
- 1	7		DRAKENSBERG (Mrs Borts Lazarus) Lady Heries 8 8	Peri Edday 5
- 1	8		ETISALAT (Hamden Al Meldoum) R Armstrong 9 0	RPrice 18
- 1	9		PIRST BUPRESSION (Ms Chine Retic) Lady Herres 9 8	A Clark 16
- 1	Ð	000	FORGLORI (10) (R Lamb) C Bensleed 98	C Rutter 15
	Ħ	030604	MURIMOON (3) (A Al-Flostement) 9 Henbury 9 0	A McGlone 5
- 1	12	8	RAFTERS MISSIC (10) (C Duncari) Mrs A Perrett 88	Fi thighes 6
- 1	13	00	RISKY MONEY (160) (The Risky Investors-Four Seasons F	ecing) V Soane 9 0F Norton 9
ŀ	14	40	BRILLIANCE (42) (RF) (Lord Camervon) R Charlon 8 8	I Plate 19
1	15	04	FAIRY LIGHTS (10) (Dr Carlos E Stelling) P Makin 9 9	S Sacriers 17
- 1	15	50	KANZ PRIDE (USA) (37) (D J Door) 9 Hile 8 9	# 1846 7
1	17	0	LADY DEALER (42) (Mrs J Gewinorpe) M Usher 9 9	_ a-aR Pertani 2
1	10	8	SATWA BOULEVARD (10) (A Merzz) M Chemion 8 9	T Guba 4
- 1	10	0.0	SECRET BOURNE (USA) (140) (K Abdula) B Has 93	Pet Endery 11

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Alsohook 150000-guines Desis cost out of mane from good family. Hes a plum draw and heils from a stable in fine form at this time of your again. Anerones, Creditable third in maidlen at Newcastle lest time, finst run since April. Has run creditably on soft going previously and should go well.

Approachable: Known Fact cost out of a smart spuriter. Must have been backward not to have reced yet and size running ob best on fact ground. Bomb Allantar: Well held from a mark of 65 in handicap at Kempton last time, and is exposed as below the standard required here.

Brilliant Convents: Royal Asademy out when cost 55,000 guineas as a yearing and comes from a stable in good form. Capable of taking a hend.

Cache: Showed very little first time out and is passed over.

Desikansberg: A cheaply-bought son of Bering. This colls future will probably le in handicaps.

elet: By Lahlo and cost 78,000 guinees as a yearing. Looks the owner's second string Ensure: by Lanton and working and only on Jodes to bring her horses along first impression: Cheegly-bought Saddiers' Hall colt. Trainer liess to bring her horses along steadly and this one will probebly need the outing Penglade Little sign of obliny and would be a lot better off compaigned in handcape Pallumnoon: Rather too exposed to win a race of this nature and offsets make much more ap-

peer.
Peeers Muselo: Well-besten ninth in moderate maiden at Lingfield first time. This is much tougher and a lot of improvement is needed.
Rieley Money: Has shown nothing in first two runs to suggest he can make an impact in this appropriate. Portion of the Company of the Compan

Brilliance: Promising fourth in maiden at Newmarkst in July, out seed as improve approval offort when only several at Seldstury. Will be suited by the ground this attention but its probably best watched.

Fairy Lighte: Improved on first run when fourth to Katyushka (Faiters Music behind) in modisate maiden at Lingfleid. Will probably need the run again at Lingfleid and modificate sont judged on first two outings, though stable in peak form now and could find some improvement in the course Lady Designer. Makes no appeal judged on first run.

Selam Bouleveint: Well held on debut.

Seers Bournet Lightly record and has presumably had her problems. Has shown signs of ability, but will do better in handicaps.

Zibes: Green and bedy in need of outing first time. Should improve in due course, but hard to see her making on impact in this company.

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those with experience—Bomb Alaskie looks the best—making an impact. The Gooden
a time liesly types on pedigines, but ALRAHAAL mekes the most appeal. The Gooden
athing is in good form again this suffurm and this Diseas colt, who comes from a good
tarrist, is drawn next to the rail. Smittent Corners and Ethesiat appeal most of the remelinder.

2.40 AMERADA NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) BBC2 27,500 added 2YO 71 64yds

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Midhish Yeo: Impressive winner of weak the runner molden at Newcaste run in despesse conditions, but puted not head when accuraty beaten in Neumanth minor event med firms. Hard to make a case for him being well treated, but topweights do well in these events had from the him being well treated, but topweights do well in these events had the seasons; Landard at hat hink of valuable events of this type, bearing Fair Fight at out at Newcasted test three. Peaulizest rise in weights may be just enough to beat him Dark Athebroas: Caught the eye heaving social very wide at the way when four in to Hoth Seasons' here, and it weighted to severe the form. Here a round action and should prove

Selector free, and in least process to reverse the term year at factor and or term are to what partialists Start: Showed improved form after being galded when coming from men to win nint-furniter interest; Freeze and good, probably best effort when third in Salsbury mad-en in August, numbing on wall. Has the ability to go well, but best not to trust him. Betimming Over: Fourth in number of these text but many the prove.

summing Lives, Foursi in russery or Alect less from a newer going well, will probably be more in the secles authors, but his something to prove Politium; his soope and his been brought along shoully, running best race lest week at Goodwood. Should improve inflier and invales arms appeal. Creatide, tooleed useful ontit in making when whining maiden at Bath in July, but below that form since and others are progressing better. Public billions: Signs of ability in melitaria, running best race when fourth at Newbury on securid start. Open to improvement in his first hendicap and will handle the ground being by Elisia; has ebility to go close. First Dividents: Locks well treated on one or two bits of form, notably third in Bath meliden (recorded good time). Nel Polard is a significant booting, and one for the shortlet. Captein Niller: Best effort to win easy-ground meliden at Lingfield in June. Has conditions in his taxon have and should not be written of? Captein faller; the should not be written of? Captein faller; and one down mark. No supplies to see that run well need on his that meed to hip prove to involve in the should not be a first handlage on a decent mark. No supplies to see that run well need on his total meed to hip prove to involve in the should be seen to take a soft-ground pedigree and will not fail for lack of sternins.

Purple Dewic Easily best effort when curries of one of forts.

VERDICCE Not an easy race to seek, but DAPKK ALBATHOSS locks sure to take a hand.

VERDICTS Not on easy race to solve, but DARK ALBATHOSS locks sure to take a hand.

John Durlop has brought this round-actioned cost along steedly, and he caught the eye when fourth to Hoh Steamer in a similar event hare, racing wide shoughout. Patible Moon looks the best alternative—being by Elinio ha should refer the easy going. Caberrat Quest and Capitain Million are others to make appeal.

[3.10	EBF STAKES (CLASS B) £15,000 added 2YO fillies 7f	ввс
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,	1	TILAK (USA) (42) (Southfire) Second bin Surger 8 13.	S F CHIE
5	ż	CLAXON (35) (Heartonale Stud) J Durkop 8 8.	Pat Eddary 7 &
ĭ	_		M Hills 5-
5	4	FRAGRANT CASIS (USA) (21) (Maktourn Al Maktourn) E Dunlop 8 3	K Fallon 3 70
-			R Pertann 1 6
7		GRESENSTONE (18) (David A Carulti) J Has 88	J Reid 10 8
		LITTLE PEPPER (5) (Nies 8 Swire) O Balding 88	_5 Drowns 2 77
Ä		NATALLE JAY (15) (Pole Jolffs) M Charton 88	T Quien 11 &
D		SMITTENEY (30) (W A Hamson-Allert Wre P Dudleid 8 8	S Without 9 &
11		TESS 650 (S P Trotal 9 Has 8 8	Pacil Eddary 4 6
		- 11 declared -	

BETTING: 7-2 Itlak, 8-2 Classon, 5-1 Smithmby, 5-1 Fragrant Cools, 7-1 Grammtons, 10-1 El Natio Netalle Jay, 12-1 081618 1997: Amabel 2 8 8 M Hills 14-1 (I Bakting) drawn (5) 5 ran FORM GUIDE

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El Nafia: Kingmambo filly from top tarnily, 16-1, won 7-runner maiden at Chepetow (in, good to firm) by length from torp tarnily, 16-1, won 7-runner maiden at Chepetow (in, good to firm) by length from Summer Splendoux. Should improve again that: Another with an eyecatizing pedigree, by A P Indy, 2-1 favourile, whiching debut in 6-runner maiden at Ascot (8t, good to firm) by 's length from Tebysean Classon: By Castacro out of a smart filly. Week 8-1 2½ lengths second of 5 to Witertine Girl in lated rece have (7t good to firm). Type to improve considerably En Garde: 15 February filly by Irish Filver out of a useful Roberto filly (winner from \$1 to 8½) who has hed three winners from three previous loats. Pragrant Oesie: By Fishy, 50-1 but beaten only 2½ lengths when fourth of 16 to Mass Amerupuri in medicen at Newmerkst (7t, good to firm). Sure to improve Gloricouse: 2000-guines (filly Maritasanshu Armad, 25-1, promise when short of 12 to Mother Of Pearl in 7f Salsbury maiden, but the bods sough for her Greenstons: By Green Desert out of a fair find wirms, 20-1, beaten neck by Cybhrice in 12-runner medicen at Salsbury (7t, good). Should improve again the Pippin: By Rudimentary, At long prices in two 6f maidens, such of 36 to Frappe at Kempton leat time. Unlikely to figure too prominertly today on that form Nefalle Jey: By Bellacashtal out of a useful mere. 10-1, 8 lengths behind numere-up Greenstone when third of 12 in 7f maiden at Salsbury. Another to consider Sallbary: Third of 7s in Windom medicin before winning 7-runner nursery there, both races at 8f on test ground, Refused to enter stalls in freiand later in August Tests: Emarted hatf-eister to aprint winner Hever Golf Express. 6-1, 8% lengths lest of 5 to easy odds-on whree Bettle Lowland over 5f at Yermouth, Pienty to find VERDICT: ITLAK and Classon both have entries in the Group 1 PEles's Willer and VERDICT: ITLAK and Classon both have entries in the Group 1 Piles' Mile and lists gets a narrow vote after proving the market signals all wrong when getting off to a wirning start at Asott, Most of the remainder also have planty of promise at this early stage of their careers, notably Fragrant Osels and Natalle Jay.

[3.40	HAYNES, HANSON AND CLARK STAKES (CLASS B) £15,000 added 2YO (straight) 1m
1	81	DALIAPOUR (13) (D) (H H Age Khen) L Dumeni 8 1 K Pellon 4 87
2		BOATMAN (USA) (K Abdulle) R Cherlion 8 10 Pet Eddery 3 -
3		COOPER ISLAND (7) (K Abdula) 9 His 8 10
4	2	ENTERTAINER (1.5) (The Royal Ascot Repriz Club) P Chapple-Hyam 8 10
5	43	GOLD ACADEMY (51) (George E K Tee) R Herron 8 10 Dene O'North 5 84
8	5	RAACI (56) (Harden Al Maktourr) J Durkop 8 10 R HEBs 1
7	358031	TRIO (4) (D) (City Inclusivel Supplies Link B Louis 8 10
BE	TING: 6-	Cold Amelony, 41 Entertainer, 6-1 Dellepour, 8-1 Trie, 10-1 Bostoseo, Resoji, 12-1
199	Duck R	ow 2 8 10 5 Standers 7-2 (J Toller) drawn (9 5 mm)

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2.40: A tough mirsery and Hoh Steamer will find it hard to com-

plete a four-timer having gone up in the weights again. DARK

ALBATROSS gets the vote after

an eye-catching effort at this course last time. He has plenty

of scope. Pebble Moon is a like-

ly type too, and makes appeal along with Captain Miller and

Cabaret Quest

1997; Duck Row 2 8 to 5 Senders 7-2 µ Toller) drawn (§ 5 ten FORM GUILOE Designour: Section's Webs cott from top termity, 8-4, made most to win 10-natural melden at Chapstow (m) garnely by short head from Secret's Cut. Promising Boetroars: 16 March cott by short head from Secret's Cut. Promising Boetroars: 16 March cott by Irish Rives, brother to useful Emplane and out of a well-bred Cheshire Celes whree. Has to be respected on pedigree. Cooper letterth By Generous from top family, Every respon why he should improve markedly on running-on sixth of 16 to Golden Snate in 1th mesiden at Doncaster Entertwiner: By Be My Guest out of a 1th4 winner. 4-1, went down by neck to Celedonian Colours in 71 malden at Haydock, always prominent and religing well Gold Academy; 140,000-guines son of Rhysia Academy; 15-1. 4*/heights third of 7 to Aljabr in 71 Group 3 at Goodwood (good to soft). Hes to be on the short-lest Reseals Good-looking Neathwan oct trons outstanding family, West 10-1, besten 11 ½ tengths when last of 5 to Compton Admiral in 71 mesiden at Assoct.

Disc, Gerting his act together in runseries last two states, strong-finishing third at Epoon and winning over 1m at Doncasser. Will find this company much tougher.

VERDICT: Delimpour, Bostoston, Entertainer and Reed have big-race entries later in the season. All three with experience look the types to Improve, Entertainer being preferred, but the selection goes to GOLD ACADEMY, who has Group-race form.

4.10 PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS H'CAP (C) £10,000 7f 64yds (Round)	BC2
1 3019-2 PRINCO LARIA (56) (D) (Respiratore Recing United) P Hurris 8 10 D	art (5) 10 B
2 50H46 MESTER RAMESO (S) (C) (Abbott Racing Limited) 8 Meeters 8 8 8	Eddary 9 10
8 080300 JOHNOCKS (USA) (18) (CD) (Parl Motor) Bolding 4 9 5	orth 19 9 10
4 3030-0 MR SPONGE (USA) (13) (0) (Paul Mator) Batting 498	the (3) 11 9
5 20-000 PURE CONCEDENCE (27) filts Antry Murroy G Lovis 3 85	ddery 12 8
8 -0006 O FACTOR (13) (0) 01 G Colle) D Haydn Jones 885	In (5) 17 B
7 50025 HUNTSWOOD (44) (D) (BP) (Mrs D F Codd) R Hymon 3 84	O'Neil 15 B
8 40255 FREE OPTION (26) (Ahrred Alf 9 Harbury 393	C Fellon & A
9 36 SHADOW CREEK (20) (D) (P J Vold) R Armstrong 3 83	R Price 5 8
10 OTIZOA MUSTIQUE DIFEAM (20) (Maric Said) Richardon 393	Soraka 2 A
TI STORES LA MODISTE (40) (D) (The Wirning Line) Mea G Kallaway 5 83	J Red TS 0
12 50-000 FURTHER OUTLOOK (559 (CR Budy Herrison) Mrs A Perrett 493 R h	
13 1420 PURE GOLD (15) (D) Prince Field Setners H Centry 393	Butter 14 10
N 15000 OUT LINE (15) (D) (Mee D M Green) M Madputs 6 9 2 A Ed	day 53 7 B
15 1D5050 VOLLEY (15) (R C C Wiers) 8 Chappel 5 9 2	
B -3026 SASHAAN (65) (D) (6F) (Handan Al Makroum) M Tengoring 39 1	District D
17 -40000 STONE OF DESTRY (20) (D) (P Heath) 8 Meeting 3 9 8	Table # 0 F
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· 9 654603 VASARI (TS) (Alec Tuckermen) M Chemon 4 8 TO.	United 2 St
20 3-2000 QUEEN'S PAGEANT (189) (Airs Robert Heatroote) J Spearing 4 8 10	
SETTING: 6-1 La Modiste, Starlow Creek, 8-1 Free Option, Vasart, 10-1 Primo Lara, N	later Rembe

12-1 Hustawood, Yoliey, 16-1 Cybertschnology, Jetrocks, Mustique Dresso, 16-1 others 1897: Jorocks 3 9 9 C Detton 4-1 () Belding) drawn (7) 10 nm

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Primo Larra: Sectan a head by Sea-Door in handicap at Newmarkst on recopearance, but faces a near two-month absence and is ungrowen on acit going. Nates Rembo: h-and-out form this season, one of botter afforts on this track when four this Arrathirm last month steems and is ungrowen on acit going. Nates Rembo: h-and-out form this season, one of botter afforts on this track when four this Arrathirm last month. Stable in transactious form. Jornacks: Won this received last year, out a in nothing like the same form this time around and searns to have lost his way. Difficult draw to overcome like promise on assesson debut two weeks ago.

Pure Coincidence: Most histeresting contender now that stable has returned to form. Wet handicapped, but doubt about thy, otherwise would ment a chance.

O Factor: Kept busy of late and is in good form, but has a wide draw to overcome. Pands to win slightly less competitive events.

Huntswood: Won at Newmarket in July, when ground was riding much faster. Has continued to run with credit, but could be much better drawn.

Pree Options: Reven Fallon is a key booking for this gelding, who ran out an impressive winner at Linglield in July. Stable has hit form, and has scope to build on that Stadow Create. Dark horse here after just three runs, winning motion at Thirst on tast ground. Sont to find plently of improvement if coping with this softer surface. Mustique Dresen: Looked to be progressing well unit running motion at Thirst on tast ground. Sont to find plently of improvement if coping with this softer surface. Mustique Dresen: Looked to be progressing well unit running motion at Thirst on tast ground. Sont to find plently of improvement if coping with this softer surface. Mustique & Remoney at Linglield in July. Has surgiced of the search intent, the plant is surface.

Haddistate Easily the pick of the weights on best form, but here been rather not clear run and boles poised to run a big race.

Further Out believing at Kampion, best firm possibility in July. Has surgiced

VERDICT: La Modista and Cybertechnology make planty of appeal, while it would be no surprise if volley were to bounce back to form. But FRIEE OPTION gats the vote on the booking of Falion, who has a time record for the stable.

4.40 WITNEY STAKES (CLASS B) £12,250 added to stakes

BETTING: 5-4 King Alex, 3-1 Hannel, 9-2 Captes, Tracking, 14-1 Circus 1997: Clan Bun 5 9 0 K Fishin 7-1 (K Cocil) circus (2) 5 ran

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King Alex: Lightly raced but usually gives his numing, winner of Group 3 at the Curagh [hm2] last August. In frame in listed race and Group 3 this July. Acts on soft Chraus: Began 1998 in three pattern events, third in the Craven. Well below best form last three starts, though won 4-numer meiden (binkered at 1-4) over 'tru2' at Ripon Cuginer. Fairly useful hendesprey, winner of 89 at Sendown (tru2) good to soft) in June. Off the bourse since, and will almost certainty have to improve to win Hasenic Began 1998 as statutes chief classic hope, good tith in 2000 Guineas. Well beated in the Desty, however, and desprointing second at 4-9 (tranging in behind winner Doctsider) in Inn conditions status two moralise lance. Best weathed Tracking: Useful form as 2yo, and again when fourth of 9 and third of 4 in two conditions status this spring. Each at 1 will help on this return from 4-month absence.

VERDICCT: Caurios and Tracking are returning from learning of one three months.

VERDICT: Cugins and Tracking are returning from lay-ofts of over three months and both will have to improve (with the three-year-old Tracking apparently the more Ruly to do so) to best KING ALEX, who has had plently of Interruptions in his own career but is a smart performer and should allow his torn. Circums to unreliable and Guineus fifth Haami cannot be backed with confidence after his latest effort.

5.10 PEMBURY LADIES HANOICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added

L		1 m 4r Syus
1	20400	PARADISE NAVY (5) (Eile Racing Out) C Egerton 9 ft 7
2	-33020	ARCTIC FANCY (29) (C. Customers) J G S-Osbourna 5 ti 8 Marchionena Blandford (5) 2
3	00-000	BYZANTILIM (21) (R Van Gelder) Lord Hunfingdon 4 11 3hone Allieon 6
4	256402	LANCER (USA) (4) (D) (The Fijon Partnership) J Peace 8 ft 1
5	464252	OPERA BUFF (18) (D) (Dorchester Chib) Max G Kelensey 7 to 71
8		SAINT ALBERT (29) (D) (BF) (Ms D C Samecriti) P Valvyn 3 10 9 _Miss 3 Sequentit 8
7	04300	MANUFAM (30) (A Pys-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 3 to 8 Miles E Johnson Houghton 2
à	-5234	FLYING FLIP (R3) (Tim Leadbeater) 9 Morgan 4 10 7
B		GRAND CRU (247) (C) (D) (Alen Spengs) J Cultum 7 to 7 Miss Sharon Walter (7) 8
10	05-308	BRONZINO (2) (Ness 9 Swire) G Balding 3 10 5 Miles 8 Newby-Vincent (6) 15
ñ	/SD-000	LAHAB NASHWAN (53) (Nos RA Smith) R Curto 4 to 1
2	00003	TAJAR (USA) (15) (D) (The Veg Chaf Partnership) T Keptoy 8 to 1 Mrs H Keddy (6) 18
13	090340	SISTER KIT (171) (Caleb Darles) 9 Llewellyn 59 13
m	167786	LA CHATELAINE (28) (D) (Blato Violen) Miso 8 Senters 4 6 7
	00.02	HETRA REIGHTS (USA) (46) (K L West) W Museon 3 87
-	023405	HERBSHAN DANCER (29) (Kingtoli Partnership) 3 Earle 4 8 5Miles C Ownard (7) 7
ĩ		DISTRICT FLYER (32) (Bierham Racing) A Turnol 3 85
		DENTARDIA (77) (Charles Curin) J Bustace 8 9 8
-	63/000	MAY KING MAYHEM (2) (D) (SJ Harrison) Mrs A King 5 9 3
30	D24830	AGUAVITA (105) (Emis Houghton) J 8 Moore 4 9 3
2	D00000	REGAL SPLENDOUR (16) Miss Serah Jones) J Bridger 59 8 Statesia Higgins (5) 19
2	Dist	SHANGHAI LE. (70)(D) (M Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8 9 8Sarah Boaley 18

Nerry, Tejer, 14-1 others 1967 Montecristo 4 10 12 Rechel Flynn (5) 10-1 (R Guest) drawn (15) 21 ran

Persolve Navy: Has won for amateur. More consistent last two seasons, but below form lest two starts and this trip may well be too short and the race too competitive Arotic Penney: Has had plenty of opportunities but won only once and has not got ideal actitude. All his races over test two years have been over "m61-. Byzanstume Won maiden on debut it May 1997 but has been among the backmarkers at starts since, despite being dropped about 20th since handloop debut. Lencer: the winners at laters to the (apparatices) and Folkamone this summer. Has also not nearly all other starts this term, so has to be on the short-flet. Opens Buff: Pether disappointing this term and now without a win for nearly a year. Probably best 1998 form when second in their analyse event at Epoom last time. Saint Albert: Pareller horse and jockey partnership who have done very well this season. Unificily to be at his best dropped back to this trip but cannot be ruled out. Manatam: in traine in 1m4f meliden and handloop the summer but has non back both outings sence and does not book one to be interested in Phyling Pape Won at Nottingham (Im2), soft in April. Good efforts lest three starts, at treff and first, twos in apprentice swents. One to consider Grand Cruz All-weather winner in April 1997. Inconsistent in second half of last season and no encouragement from his one run this year. Hand to tency. Bronzilno: Peturadic toom in August with pood thrid at Saisbrur, clearly best effort this term. The first try at 1m4f should help with his chances of a return to form Lahab Mashwerz: Lightly reced and has shown nothing in handloops this term. Start for the start on consistent, but has won hard handloops the term the tree outing, tried in visor on latest. Hearth should be not use well beaten and 100-1 Any interest would be highly speculative.

Jest three outing, tried in visor on latest three parts and entire the handloop of Southwell in May, Impossible to lancy on lates two first of fines and 100-1. Any interest would be highly speculative.

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VERDICT: Suint Albert is thoroughly dependable, but this trip could prove on the short side for him these days and preference is for BRONZINO who has acope for improvement on this first try at Im4f. Helira Heights is another likely to improve.

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Free Option 9-1 8-1 9-1 19-1 8-1

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Going: Good to Soft (Good in back *THE INDEPENDENT

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Ouicistep, 33-1 Border Prince, 60-1 Bangalore, 50-1 Bring Sweets, 50-1 Unitold Riches, 66-1 Bound For Pleasure, 86-1 Eville Hone, 66-1 Height of Fernissy, 66-1 Liberty Lines, 86-1 Path Palais, 65-1 Rajwhen (USA) (eth), 68-1 Regal Philosophier, 66-1 Surprise Encountier, 66-1 Thaimes Dencer (6th), 68-1 Tiger Talk.
23 min. 11/s. 11/s. 3, 1/s. (winner bay cost by Dolphan Street out of Birays, trained by O Loder for Had Mesood), Totes:1150; 210, 2350. DF: £2150. CSF: £1838.

11 ram. et-nd, 3. /s. 1/s. nd. (winner cheet-nut colt by Nureyev out of Memories, trained J Gosden, Newmarket, for Mektourn Al Mektourn). Tota: win 21340 places 23.00, 2190, 2180 DF: £1800. CSF: DI338. Non Run-ners; Muchee, Wishn. Tota THiscta: £266.90.

Alac: 11-2 Dark Shell (4th), 8-1 Zomaradah (5th), 10-1 Polar Prince (6th), 20-1 Decisive Action.
7 ran. sh-hd, 2, hd, 11/4, 1/4. (winner bay colf by Selfdric out of Sourned, trained by I Balding for George Strawbridge). Tole: win £100; £380, £300. DF: £2390, CSF: £3442.

11 rent. or by Nureyev out of Memories, nut colt by Nureyev out of Memories, traned J Gosdien, Newmaries, tor Mektourn Al Maktourn). Tota: win £1340 places £300, £100, £180 DF: £1800 CSF: £1800 RSF: Min Ring Rent Hecta: £26690.

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colt by Miniski out of Blushing Storm, trained by R Hannon for Mohamed Suhail). Tole: win \$570 places \$270, \$160, \$300. Due! forecast \$1340. CSF: \$2794 Tricast \$126.77. 4.40;(m 2f filles herxicap, 3yo)
1. LA TIZZANA NY Tebbutt 25-1
2. Mole Creek R Cochrene 4-1 Fev
3. Sweet Sorrow L, Dettorl 13-2

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Ross Dancer (Huntingdon 4.50) NB: Thank Peavens (Ayr 4.00)

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Surrey's spinners fall short

THE VENUES that will decide this BY DEREK PRINGLE year's Championship may be at different ends of the country, but the team looking most likely comes from somewhere in between Leicestershire began this game nine points to the good over Surrey, who in turn were two points ahead of third-placed Lancashire. By the end of the day, due largely to fine un-beaten centuries from Ben Smith and Aftab Habib, the Running Fox had put more daylight between its bushy tail and the following pack. Smith and Habib, both 26, have heen two of Leicestershire's most

been two of Leicestershire's most consistent batsmen this season, both averaging above the 60 mark.

Amazingly, neither has ever been on an A tour a fact David Graveney, the an A tour, a fact David Graveney, the chairman of selectors who was present at The Oval yesterday may well

Uncowed by the importance of the match, they seized the initiative; men unafraid to shape their destiny. Coming together at 102 for 4 when the visitors were labouring following some careless dismissals, the pair added 247 for the fifth wicket, already a Leicestershire record for any partnership against Surrey. At the close the visitors were 349 for 4, one runs short of a fourth batting point.

By contrast Surrey appeared to lack any such spark, and once Martin Bicknell, their most dangerous bowler, limped off in mid-afternoon with a knee injury, heads dropped alarmingly. Their fielding, too, was sloppy, and Habib was twice missed on 62 and 82, both chances off Rupesh Amin - the second a simple catch to Nadeem Shahid at silly mid-off.

As one of two spinners - a profitable ploy for Surrey before Saglain Mushtaq fled the roost for the Sahara Cup in Toronto - Amin laboured without success. His partner in spin, Ian Salisbury - if spin was not too much of an exaggeration - was equally ineffective and Habib in particular took a librar to kin

at The Oval

Leicestershire 349-4

v Surrey

Habib's bat-speed is enhanced by a late flick of the wrists. Like Smith, he is a fine cutter of the ball, though a silky facility through mid-wicket means he is not tied down by balls

pitched straight.
Poor Salisbury, with less pressure than a Test match but more than a run-of-the-mill county game, was found wanting, and 50 of the 64 runs be conceded came in bound-

that rate, batsmen know they only have to wait a few balls before a long hop or a full toss comes floating

Opting to bat first on a dry, beige pitch. Leicestershire did not begin auspiciously. Ever since he was mentioned as an England opener in the making, Darren Maddy has hardly scored a run. Yesterday was no exception, and his lunging prod at Bicknell, which he edged behind. was the shot of a man bent on survival rather than domination.

The left-handed Iain Sutcliffe was scarcely any more commanding, and after some neatly clipped strokes off his legs he fell to Joey Benjamin chasing a ball well wide of off-stump for 18. Seven overs later Vince Wells, fortunate to be dropped on 18 at mid-on by Amin, became Ben Hollioke's first victim of the innings when he skewed a leading edge to mid-off.

From his angle wide on the return crease Hollicake Jnr was initially able to keep Leicestershire fairly quiet and he hit the jackpot in his sixth over when Phil Simmons diverted it on to his stumps. At that point, Surrey were in good shape and good heart. However, they had not



Yorkshire's Paul Hutchison, who recorded his best figures of 7 for 31, appeals for lbw against Sussex's Chris Adams yesterday

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Hutchison delivers the cutting edge

YORKSHIRE HAD just the better of BY HENRY BLOFELD an intriguing day's cricket at Hove which saw 17 wickets fall for 288 runs - not a result of the bad behaviour of the pitch as much as the mability of the Sussex and then the Yorkshire batsmen to play with any conviction against the swinging ball.

Sussex collapsed in a heap in 11 overs after lunch and then, after a poor start to their innings, Yorkshire were steadied by the determination of Matthew Wood and Anthony Mc-Grath in a fourth-wicket stand of 76 Sussex produced one as impressive

at Hove

Sussex 129 Yorkshire 159-7

The ball swung consistently for much of the day and, in keeping with most contemporary batsmen, the lot presently on show at the County Ground were, with one or two exceptions, incapable of competing. For

lunch for 18 runs. Batsman after batsman paid the penalty of poor footwork and an extraordinary number of balls found the leading edge with the batsman committed to an on-side stroke, only to be outdone by

a late outswing. After a good morning on which the Yorkshire bowlers must have felt they had wasted a great chance, Sussex had reached 109 for 2. Two more those who collect batting collapses, runs were scored before Rajesh Rao . pushed forward to Matthew Hoggard

their way to their fifth successive Championship victory, all of which had been achieved without Darren Gough. Paul Hutchison, Gavin Hamilton, Chris Silverwood and Hoggard are all rangy young men with considerable ability, and plen-

ty of enthusiasm and zest. Hutchison was the main destroyer, taking 7 for 31, the best figures of his career. His lift, his control and his swing made him irresistible against batsmen ill-equipped to play the moving ball, and he looks a mag-

main culprit for Sussex, playing an outrageous drive at a wide one from

For a while it looked like Yorkshire's batting would be every bit as poor. James Kirtley bowled a fine first spell taking three wickets, as did Mark Robinson but without any Inck. After tea Adams' bowling changes, which involved bringing on Keith Newell, were questionable the ball stopped swinging quite so much and Wood and McGrath took

A marvellous timer of the ball,	reckoned on Smith and Habib.	balanced the match.	after they had been put into bat.	ater, Sussex were all out for 129. D	ificent prospect. Chris Adams, who	strokes in their stand of 76.
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Wasim keeps hopes alive

BY DEREK HODGSON at Old Trafford

Lancashire 185 Hampshire 74-5

AFTER A tense day, Lancashire's hopes of their first outright title since 1934 were only just alive. They failed to take a batting bonus point, which means that their maximum yield from this last match is now 20 points. As Leicestershire were 11 ahead before they began batting at The Oval, today could be decisive.

Lancashire did win two bowling points after tea, cheering a good crowd, hunched in the cool wind, hoping for history. Both captains named two spinners, expecting turn, but the quicker men ruled, at least on this first day.

A bright morning had clouded over when Lancashire chose to bat. Players in the World Cup next year will wear not only coloured shirts but names and numbers, too; Mike Atherton and John Crawley batted against opening bowlers, one of whom, Nixon McLean, wore an ear-ring and the other, Alex Morris, a pony-tail.

The game is not so much changing as reverting to its appearance 200 years ago when white was far from uniform and Nelson's sailors, certainly, might have been described as piratical.

This pitch, too, would have been recognised by the Hambeldon men. Brown and bumpy, it seamed beautifully for the fast-mediums Morris (4 for 57) and Kevan James (4 for 22), the ball also lifting when McLean hit the deck. So even while Crawley was seeking runs one classic back-foot force off Morris - Lancashire toiled 14 | after the end of Wednesday's overs for 26.

Crawley, pulling at Dimitri Mascarenhas' first ball, skied off a top edge, Adrian Aymes completing the catch at square leg. After that, only Atherton of the recognised batsmen could stem the tide as Hampshire demonstrated a pecially Will Kendall. Even Iron Mike, after spending 40 overs over 45, succumbed at

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Ian Austin signalled a change of tactics by driving two of his first three balls for four, then hitting Mascarenhas straight for six and, where possible, the tail followed his example, Gary Yates especially. The one disappointment was the captain, Wasim Akram, who bids goodbye to Lancashire. batting at eight and holing out to mid on.

But the last five wickets more than doubled the score and 185 loomed mountain-high when Hampshire lost their first four wickets for 23, three to Wasim for 14 runs, including Robin Smith, in nine overs. Kendall, arriving at 9 for 1, shone again. He was dogged and defiant in 28 overs, as was Atherton.

European verdicts: Qualification in doubt after Premiership pair fail to win despite good displays

Epic lacking only a happy ending

By Glenn Moore

"WHAT A game!" That was vesterday's comment in factories and offices, Job Centres and boardrooms, as Wednesday's coruscating struggle between Manchester United and Barcelona was dissected. Their 3-3 draw was, indeed, some game, but it is too early to assess where it will be placed in the straining archive of great Old Trafford nights.

That will come in December, when the league programme is complete. Then the match will either be tagged as one to remember with sadness, as the night another European quest hit the skids, or forgotten in commemoration of the epic victory in Munich, Barcelona or Copenhagen which enabled United to progress.

For that is the probable measure of United's task. Even if they defeat Bayern and Brondby in Manchester, and take a point from three away fixtures, they will only have 10 points. Last season that would not have earned qualification in any of the six groups and it is unlikely to do so this time.

United had banked on taking six points from Brondby, but that is by no means certain given their defeat of Bayern. Neither can victory at Non Camp be considered likely given Barcelona's revival on Wednesday, despite being forced to field a weakened side.

Thus the match in Munich in 12 days takes on an even greater importance. It is already imbued with significance. It is the first time, after 40 years and 118 European games, that United have played



Jaap Stam, the Manchester United defender, is thwarted by Rivaldo during Barcelona's 3-3 draw at Old Trafford

ful February afternoon when the emotion of the occasion, it it impossible to concentrate? Or Thus it was hard to resist a thority. The most notable were the jet carrying the Busby will be there, for Sir Bobby will they be inspired?

Chariton, then a survivor, now For the would-be super leaa director, more than anyone. guers, of course, such an oc-How will United react to this casion, with its overtones of chilling reminder of mortality human tragedy, makes the members of the élite also strughis best to shield the team from and perspective? Will they find product even more attractive, gled to assert their assumed au-

sense of schadenfreude when the results came in on Wednesday night. Not only did Bayern lose to an "outsider", other

Juventus, held at home by Galatasaray, but Rosenberg's draw in Bilbao, Olympiakos's point in Porto and PSV's struggle to overcome HJK Helsinki

haviour may only hasten a super league. At present Brondby, Spartak Moscow and Panathinaikos have all earned £220,000 more from the competition than United, Barcelona or Juventus and £440,000 more than Internazionale and Bayern. Much more of this and the big clubs will be rushing back into the arms of Media Part-The natural order is likely to

be restored by the time the quarter-finalists are known but there are clearly no certainties in United's group. For 30 min-utes on Wednesday they played a brand of slick, high-tempo attacking football which very few teams would have coped with It was probably as good as they have played in this decade's assault on Europe. Then they faded, their fire perbaps dimmed by complacency or tiredness, or maybe snuffed out by Barcelona's tactical adaptation and spirited regeneration. By the end they were hanging on, their shape as flim-

sy as a carrier bag in the wind. The second-half United will be lucky to take a further point in the group, the other would walk it. Ferguson must now ensure the latter United both take, and leave, the field in Munich. To that end Nicky Butt's suspension is unfortunate though the form of both David Beckham and, initially, Ryan Giggs must be encouraging. Dwight Yorke, like Eric Cantona, looks as if be has found his metier at Old Trafford though he is yet to answer the doubts about his away form, which was never wholly convincing at Aston Villa, Munich would be a good place to start.

Wenger takes positive line

THE CHANT of "Arsenal, Arse- By STEVE TONGUE nal* from Lens supporters soon drawn Champions' League Group E match at Stade Félix-Bollaert reflected the genuine warmth felt towards the doublewinners by an Anglophile club, but was undoubtedly tinged

of the second half, to secure the near-post corner routine.

Panathinaikos and then Dynamo Kiev.

Babes crashed at Munich air-

port en route from a European

Cup quarter-final in Belgrade.

While Alex Ferguson will do

Marc Overmars, having scored in the 50th minute, hit a post and then the bar, and Nicolas Anelka shot wildly high before Racing Club caught with relief as well. The home them dropping their hands on side, as their passionate fol- the line. Heads dropped, too, in lowers well knew, should have shame at a most uncharactertheir catching expertise, es- | been on the end of a drubbing. istic lack of professionalism, as Arsenal had played well the old guard at the back were said we were." enough, above all through most hoist with their own petard, the He also had genuine reason nal will be keen to remind the ager; Michel Verschueren.

> them up perfectly for forth- to France four years to the (Arsenal having gone into the pean Cup this season by right man Roger Vanden Stock, schueren said, coming games at their adopt- week after his last match as game with more of them than and which by reason of Uefa's "Pressure has been high for ed Wembley home against coach of Monaco, chose to em- the champions of France). Em- expediency.

Kiev's defeat by the Greek champions as the best outcome for Arsenal and praising Anelka for his overall contribution rather than criticising his finishing. "If we play at this level in every game we can go through the group," Wenger insisted. "We know we should have scored more goals, but it from the end. The consequent proved that we have not been ankle injury could keep him out as weak this season as people of Sunday's set-to against Man-

to be delighted with his two northern pretenders which

manuel Petit and Patrick Vieira were an outstanding pair in the centre of midfield, though there was one blot on each perfor-

Vieira committed the foul and received a yellow card for it-which led indirectly to Lens' equaliser and Petit was forced off by a bad tackle 20 minutes

ARIE HAAN, Anderlecht's management... at a certain mo-Dutch coach, left by mutual consent yesterday following the club's dreadful start to the Belgian season. The move follows Wednesday's 2-0 home Uefa Cup first-round first-leg

Grasshopper Zurich. "After profound talks... it was agreed to end the co-operation between [coach and management] at Arie Haan's request," chester United, in which Arse- said Anderlecht's general man-

defeat by the Swiss side,

"Last night's game was the victory that would have set Arsene Wenger, returning other French internationals team is contesting the Euro- last straw," said the club chair- 8 new coach is appointed, Verquite a while on fans, coaches,

ment we had to find a solution, make changes, and Arie Haan has co-operated," he said. Vanden Stock dismissed sug-

Haan leaves Anderlecht

gestions that the former Belgium and Anderlecht player Franky Vercauteren would succeed Haan in the long term. "Vercauteren bas always said that his task was the junior teams. He confirmed that again today," Vanden Stock said.

Vercauteren and the deputy coach, Jean Dockx, will, however, take over from Haan until

signed an 18-month contract last December, two months after he was sacked by the Dutch club ,Feyenoord. It was a second spell as the Anderlecht coach for for the former Dutch international midfielder

Haan, has also coached the German teams VfB Stuttgart and Nuremberg, the Belgian clubs Antwerp and Standard Liège, and the Greek side PAOK Salonika.

Before last weekend's 3-0 victory at Germinal Ekeren, Anderlecht had failed to win any of their first five league games, a run which saw them shump to Haan, who played for An- the bottom of the league for the derlecht between 1975 and 1981, first time in their history.

Robins seeking a route back to the glory days

against Manchester City last

field, were the top non-League of the FA Cup. club not just in Cheshire but in

THE KNOWLEDGE that Mace the country. Now, though, Macc lesfield Town were playing a have made their dreams come Nationwide League fixture true while Alty are in disarray.

weekend must have been Premier League (now the Footpainful for Altrincham sup- ball Conference) in 1980 and porters, whose team lost at 1981. They missed out on elec-Worksop Town in the Premier tion to the Football League by Division of the UniBond just one vote. In the same era League on the same afternoon. the Robins had two FA Trophy It is not so many years since triumphs and regular appear-Altrincham, and not Maccles- ances in at least the third round The 1996-97 season, however,

NON-LEAGUE NOTEBOOK Altrincham won the Alliance BY RUPERT METCALF

ended in relegation from the Conference. Alty finished in a steady eighth place in the Uni-Bond last term and, with big investment in player recruitment during the summer, there were high hopes for a championship

challenge this season.

in 20th place in the Premier Division, with just two clubs beneath them. After eight league games they are still seeking their first win. The threat of relegation to the First Division, and embarrassing local derbies against the likes of Trafford and Flixton, looms large.

Already some of the bigname summer signings by the At present, those hopes look manager, Bernard Taylor, have

two clubs are renants at Harlequins' Stoop ground and Goodwin will re-port for union training with Scot-tish on Monday if Broncos lose tonight's Super League clash with St Helens. Should London win, however, the 25-year-old Australian —who will miss the Saints game with an ankle injury — will stay with the Broncos for their last match at Castleford next Sunday.

Castleford next Sunday,
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misplaced. Tuesday's 2-1 defeat departed. Brian Kilcline, the at Marine has left Altrincham centre-half who once won the FA Cup with Coventry and helped Halifax to the Conference title last season, has gone. So, too, has the player-coach Nigel Gleghorn, the former Stoke and Ipswich midfielder:

the fans, after letting in some sumed his coaching career.

third week of May. The change has

been made in an attempt to avoid rainy conditions in Germany.

A recent recruit who is still at the club is the former Manchester City and Wales goalkeeper, Andy Dibble. He has

enced player who has yet to live up to his reputation this term is Keith Russell, the ex-Blackpool striker.

Starting with tomorrow's home game against their fellow strugglers Spennymoor, Taylor and his team need points sooner rather than later. To help him, Alty's secretary, Graham Heathcote, a stalwart player been the recipient of stick from from the 1970s and 80s, has re-

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4 Columbus Crew 2: Washington DC Utd 5
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shoot-out 4-3).

SPORTING DIGEST

BASEBALL B A SEBALL

AMERICAN L'ARGUE: Boston 4 Baltimore
3: Cleveland B Minnesota 6; Toronto 2 Detroit 1; Tampa Bay 7 NY Yamlees 0; Chicago White Sox 9 Kansas City 4; Texas 5
Anahelm 3; Seattle 4 Caktland 1.
MATHOMAL LEAGUE: Arianta 5 Philadelphila 1; Montreal 3 Florida 2; NY Mets 4
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mannes); Los Angeles 2 Colorado 0; Chicago Cubs 6 San Diego 3; Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 0. Borotogn for an undascosed real Bristol City have signed the Danish central defender Clemens Zwijnen-berg from Aalborg on a three-month loan with a view to a \$400,000 permanent deal. He is ex-pected to make his debut against ip-swich Town at Portman Road

BOXING

Les Roberts, matchmaker at the London's National Sporting Club for 23 years, has olde in hospital in Som-erset, after a heart attack. He was 78. CRICKET

SAHARA CUP (Toronto, Wednesday): Pokiston 257 for 5 (50 overs); India 180 |46.2 overs). Pakistan won by 77 runs and land the series 2-1.

CYCLING The Iralian Gianni Bugno of the Mapel team won yesterday's 12th leg of the Vuelta a España in northern ain's Canfranc mountain pass. spain's Cantrant mountain passing age to the 187km stage in a time of 4hr 26min 4sec. The overall standings were affected little though, with Abraham Olano of Spain still leading the 22-stage

The Barnet striker Dean Samuels has joined the Conference club Stevenage Borough for an undisclosed fee.

The South African Football Feder-ation have lined up three possible candidates to take over as nationall coach. They are the former Dutch international Ruud Krol, the present coach of the South African club Manning Rangers, Gordon Igesund, and Carlos Alberto Pareira, Brazil's 1994 World Cup-winning coach. A final decision is expected

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stated): 67 E Darcy, M A Jimenez (Sp),
G Turner (NZ), D Cooper, S Allam (Aus);
68 I Sandelin (Swe), M Farry [F], G Brand
Jint, P O'Malley (Aus), I Woosnam; 69 D
Borrego (Sp), M Campbell (NZ), "S Garcia (Sp), B May (US), M Gronberg (Swe),
P Broasthurst, A Celsa (Ger), S Ballesteros
(Sp), C Montgomerie, O Duval (US),
P Mitchell, K Tomori (Japan), J Rivero (Sp);
70 R Goosen (SA), M Hallberg (Swe), N
Foldo, S Torrance, F Couples (US), L Wiestwood, M James, S Richardson, J Coceres
(Arg), 2 Davis, N Vanhootegem (Ber), M
O'Meara (US), A Cabrera (Arg); 71 H Clark,
A Wall, A Coltart, S Leaney (Aus), G Evans,
R Russell, I Garbutt, P Sjoland (Swe), C

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND DIVISIÓN

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Roe, P Lonard (Aus), M Florioll (It), M
Mouland, M Lanner (Swe): 72, F Jacobson (Swe), J Remesy (Fr), T Johnstone
(Zim), D Giltord, I Pyman, C Watts, P Eales,
G Chalmers (Aus), A Hunter, C Suneson
(Sq), P Lawrie, S Struver (Ger), D Tapping, S Fletd, D Howell, R Dands JAus), D
Editind (Swe), E Romero (Arg), R Coles,
T Levet (Fr), G Orr, M Pendaries (Fr), W
Riley (Aus), J Rask (Swe), D Robertson;
73 K Eriksson (Swe), R Muntz (Nech), R
Burns, J Haeggman (Swe), A Oldcorn, C
Rocca (R), P Hedblom (Swe), B Lane, D
Karlsson (Swe), M Goggin (Aus), C Cevaer (Fr), P Walton, J Bildcerton, R Wessels (SA), B Faum (US), J Pornevik (Swe),
F Tarnoud (Fr), P Outricl (Swid), P Affleck,
M Jonzon (Swe); 74 S Cage, P Harrington, O Edmond (Fr), D Smyth, D Cnopra
(Swe), I Giner (Sp), P Filhe (Swe), S Herrderson, B Langer (Ger), I Garrido (Sp), S
Grappasonnd (Ic), P-U Johansson (Swe),
D Cartex, R Jacquelln (Fr), P Balest, "G
Hawret (Fr), J Townsend (US), B Cowen,
T Bjorn (Den), J Lomas; 75 P Haugsrud
(Nor), V PNilips, S Webster, Z Llan-Wel
(Chha), M Long (NZ), M Mackerzie: 76
R Bocall, G Nichiaus (US), K Brink (Swe),
A Sherborne; 77 T Gogle (Ger), M Tunnicilli, 78 R Karisson (Swe), R Chapman.
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69; 210 R Arnott (Sco) 74 70 66, G
Hutcheon (Sco) 72 67 71; 211 P Winston (Eng) 73 71 67, 8 Dredge (Wal) 74
69 68, E Rawlings (Eng) 70 72 69; 212
P Nübrink (Swe) 71 73 69, "R Binney
(Eng) 70 76 67, 1 Alexandre (Fr) 71 73
69; 214 °G Oglay (Aus) 71 73 70, J Gronhagen (Swe) 69 73 72; 215 J Rose (Eng)

RUGBY UNION ElikoPEan CuP Pool C. Uster v Edinburgh Relvers (7,30). OTHER SPORTS

NATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION
Walsall v NOUS COUNTY (7.45)
LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Cwmbran Town (7.45)
FAL HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE OF IRE-LAND Premier Division: St Patrick's Athletic v Bohemians (7.45). BCOCREGE Intercontinental cruiserweight ti-de contest: Damer Corbett (N Irr) v Isaac Mahlungu (SA) (or Maysfield Leisure Contre, Belfost). RUGBY LEAGUE JIB SPORTS SUPPER LEASUR: London v. St. Holens (7.30); Steffield v. Warrington (7.30); Leeds v. Hull (7.30). ISs. Samsung Open men's tournament

FIXTURES

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ICE HOCKEY BERSON AND HEDGES CUP (Wednesday) Group B: London Knights 2 Manchester Storm 4. RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE

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(Salford), Carney (Dubin Blues), Casaldy
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Forster (Warrington), Grey (Bangor
Vikings), Harzane (Bradford), Martyn (St
Helens), Lowes (Bradford), Martyn (St
Helens), McDarsont (Leeds), Mioriey
(Leeds), O'Compor (Migan), O'Salfibras
(Dubin Blues), Pickamenson (St Helens),
Francott (Hall), Ryan (Dubin Blues),
Salth (Hull KR).

RUGBY UNION

current Manchester Sale captain. Shane Howarth, has switched alle-giances and from now on will play for Wales. Howarth, whose grandfather was born in Cardiff, won his last cap for the Ali Blacks against Australia in 1994 and can take the field immediately because more than four years have clapsed. Wales's new coach, the New Zealander Graham Henry, played a key role in helping Howarth make his decision. "He was

The former New Zealand fly-half and

my coach for seven years in Auck-land, the best one I've ever had," he The London Broncos ublity back Luke Goodwin today switched codes by agreeing to join the Premiership One club London Scottish. The

Jimmy White slipped to second place in his group after the second day of the Lindrum Masters in New-castle, Australia. The tournament. staged to celebrate the birth of the billiards legend Walter Lindrum, features snooker, billiards and eight and nine-ball pool. White beat Canada's Cilff Thorburn 342-302 at billiards. but is 33 points behind the group leader, Dene O'Kane of New Zealand.

WEDNIESDAY'S RESULTS: Elito League; Poole 40 Oxford 50. Premier League; Hull TENNIS

SPEEDWAY

The German Open has switched slots with the Italian Open on the calendar and will now take place in the

rainy conditions in Germany.
Guillermo Vilas of Argentina gained revenge for his defeat in the Roland Garros final at the hands of Blorn Borg 20 years ago by beating the Swede, 6-4, 2-6, 10-7, on the opening day of the Compaq Senior event in Paris. In other results, France's Yannick Noah beat Sweden's Milkael Pernfors 6-4, 5-7, 10-7, while John McEnroe defeated Iran's Mansour Bahrani 6-1, 6-1, and Guy Forget beat Henri Leconte 6-3, 7-5 in an all-French encounter.

PRESIDENT'S CUP (Bashleant, Uzbelletan) Second rounds in Escude (Fr) bt S Schalken (Neth) 6-4 7-6-3; S Persosolido (fr) bt A Levy (fr) 2-6 7-6-3; T Henman (GB) bt E Ran (fsr) 6-4 6-6-1. 6-1.

ROMARKAN OPEN (Bucharest) First round: Second round: A dl Pasquale (Fr) bt N Lapentri (Ecu) 6-2 6-7 6-1: G Bianco (sp) bt J Diaz (Sp) 6-4 6-2. E Alvarez (Sp) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-6 3-6 7-5: F Clavez (Sp) bt D Pescariu (Rom) 3-6 7-5 6-2; A Pavel (Rom) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-7 6-3 6-1; J Alonso (Sp) bt A Calstrava (Sp) 6-2 6-7 6-4; A Volnea (Rom) bt I Moldovan (Rom) 6-3 6-4; A Portas (Sp) bt A Savoit (Hun) 4-6 7-6 6-2.

SAMSSIMO OPEN (Bournemouth) Second round: S Mantitla (Sp) bt D Van Schephingen (Neth) 6-3 6-2; S Koubek (Auz) bt T Lartham (Aus) 4-6 6-0 7-5; A Clement (Fr) bt J Kroslak (Slovak) 6-2 7-6.

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URIBBOND LEAGUE Premier Divisions
Bishop Auckland 2 Frickley Athletic 2;
Gateshead 1 Whitby Rown 1. First Divisions
Farsley Celtic 2 Belper 1. Challange Cap
First round replays: Eastwood Town 0 Aifreton 1.

DR MARKENS LEAGUE Premier Divisions
Sallsbury 0 Craveley 2. Middland Divisions
Newport (Swent) 1 Redditch 1. Paget
Rangers 0 Stafford Rangers 2; Solfing Borough 2 Stamford 1; VS Rugby 2 Bloowich

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BOB WEIR'S GOLDEN ARM P27 OYORKSHIRE'S SEVEN HEAVEN P30

New Hoddle contract 'to be discussed'

GLENN HODDLE'S future as the coach of the England team could be discussed at a Football Association International Committee meeting today.

Although Hoddle's report on how England have fared since the World Cup will be the main item on the agenda, it is understood his tenure in charge of the team will also be debated.

Hoddle still has 21 months on his current contract still to run, taking him through to the end of the Euro 2000 tournament (providing England reach the final stages in the Netherlands and Belgium). The FA however, wants Hoddle to sign an extension to his contract - up to the World Cup in 2002 – and a deal may now be close.

Alan Sugar, Tottenham's chairman, has demed the pos-sibility that a new bid to buy into

By NICK HARRIS AND ALAN NIXON

his club - by a consortium headed by the journalist and broadcaster Richard Littlejohn - will be successful.

Littlejohn, a lifelong Spurs fan, had admitted he had "got to-gether" with a group of businessmen and planned to buy 29.9 per cent of the north London club. However Sugar, who recently indicated he would constake in Spurs for an appropriate offer and then confirmed he had turned down an £80m offer by the leisure group ENIC, said: "Contact has been made but this is a football fan's fantasy dream and has not been given serious attention by

Ferguson may face Uefa fine

ALEX FERGUSON is facing an It's not a question of telling anxious wait to find out if he will coaches what they can say, they be fined by Uefa, which spelled should know. It's a question of out a firm reminder on behav- common sense and education. iour to managers last night, writes Alan Nixon

manager branded the Italian to know what can be done tano Braschi's na dling of the draw with Barcelona as a "shocker" and some of his decisions "a disgrace." That language may 8 October when Uefa's control ation (IMUSA) lobbied the and disciplinary committee TUC's general council in Blackmeets to review the match.

Ferguson could be in line for media spokesman for Euroean football's ruling body, Massino Gonnella, said: "If we now hopes to organise a fringe decide that the behaviour is in-meeting at the coming Labour correct something can be done. Party conference.

"Managers and coaches can say what they want but they are The Manchester United old enough and mature enough about it. We have a scale of puilishment, but it is a case-by-case decision and we will see if it is raised at our next meeting."

The Independent Mancheslead Ferguson into the dock on ter United Supporters Associpool yesterday. The IMUSA chairman, Andy Walsh, claimed a penalty of his own after a the general secretaries they spoke to were "very receptive".

Walsh added that IMUSA

Meanwhile, Spurs have had preliminary discussions" with the winger Andy Sinton and the Scotland defender Colin Calderwood over new contracts. Both players' current deals ex-

pire at the end of the season. Nottingham Forest have agreed a £1.5m deal to buy the Crystal Palace striker, Neil Shipperley. The player was due at the City Ground last night to discuss personal terms. The news came as Pierre van Hoondonk, Forest's absent Dutch striker, said he was sorry for sider selling his controlling saying the club was "not good enough for the Premiership." He even added he might return to discuss a possible future in Nottingham, but, as he is already transfer-listed and has alienated colleagues and fans. a reconciliation seems very

> Sheffield United are set to sign a Namibian international, Ricardo Mannetti, from the South African side, Cape Town Santos. The midfielder, 23, impressed United'S chief scout Lou Macari in a private friendly yesterday and will have talks about a £200,000 move.

> Leeds are understood to be close to signing the Port Vale Winger, Gareth Ainsworth, for £2m. Vale's manager, John Rudge, will let Ainsworth go after lining up Rangers' Steve Boyack as a replacement.

The Leeds chairman, Peter Ridsdale, vesterday called for an overhaul of European competitions, but insisted any super "Qualification for European tournaments, irrespective of who is responsible for their organisation, must be on a season-by-season merit basis and have no permanent member clubs," he said.

Chris Waddle's proposed move to Torquay United has been put on hold because the 37-year-old has a calf strain. The Chariton striker, Paul

Emblen, has joined Wycombe Wanderers for £90,000.

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Kenyans Bernard Barmasai (right), John Kosgei (centre) and Kikpurui Misoi acknowledge their clean sweep in the steeplechase Reuters

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Protest a nervous reaction of the people (7) What could make Blair seem miserable? (7)
- fake booze there's a ouzzie (9) 10 Nothing good in man-aged media outlet (5)
- 11 Society girl not wanted in 27 Make more general smart broadcasting (2, 3)
- 12 One's conceivably not grey and u/s! (9) 14 Anticipated what the bal- 1
- loon did? (4, 4, 6) Care is required from those in high places (8 6) 21 Be less solemn – turn on
- more lamps (7, 2)
 23 Verbal indication of potential strength (5)
- 24 Noise does for one in middle of din – silence wanted (5) Journalist's sleeping arrangements restricted Holy woman tucking into

by lover (9) US city with a good deal of superfluous computer material (7) changes (7)

Entry frames Court physician (6) Command chap to get a partner for the evening

Town in Kent not upset over card game (9)

Thursday's solution



Dodgy deals, perhaps -what a family business can't afford to he doing

Intend removal of brackets from motorway designation? (3) A mathematical quantity involving number throughout (5) Great at swimming in

display of watersports? No army on manoeuvres may surround Chinese state (8)

13 Crazy about musical work (piano) that can't be finished? (11) 15 Eggs on fashion student to embraced lecturer for example (4, 5)

16 Embraced in sloppy cuddle (8) 18 Racist, say, accepting a couple of foreigners? A mythical creature (7) Nameless criminal - he

has stuff that could slay vou! (7) Author sounding austere when read aloud (6) Dance with beat and en-

ergy (5) 25 I'm very tipsy, primarily!

Christie record falls to golden Boldon

ATO BOLDON shattered Linford Christie's Commonwealth Games record to win the 100 metres title yesterday as England struck gold through the heptathlete Denise Lewis, the swimmers Katy Sexton and Susan Rolph and the discus

thrower Boh Weir. Boldon, who only decided last weekend to compete in Malaysia, clocked 9.88sec to take 0.03secs off the record set by Christie in Victoria four years ago. Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, another who planned to stay away, was second in 9.96, with Obadele Weir, who is a throws coach Thompson of the Bahamas at Stanford University in Cali-

third in 10.00. Lewis successfully retained her heptathlon crown. The European champion took the title by a massive winning margin of 159 points with an overall total COMMONWEALTH GAMES

BY MARK PIERSON

Before Lewis completed the formality of retaining her title, Weir broke the Games record to grab England's first athlet-

ics gold medal of the Games. The Birmingham-born Weir took the title with a winning throw of 64.42m which broke the 16-year-old record set by Bradley Cooper of the Bahamas by 38 centimetres.

fornia, became the first Englishman to win the discus gold in the 68-year history of the

Sexton, England's teenage swimming sensation, came from nowhere to strike gold, de-

Sosa stays with the pace

BASEBALL

With flashbulbs popping and

stroying her personal best for the second time in a dramatic

day at the 200m backstroke. The 16-year-old from Portsmouth allowed favourite Helen Don-Duncan and Australia's Meredith Smith to battle between themselves for much of a tense race only to win

herself in 2:13.18. Rolph toasted double gold for England with the victory she had predicted over 50m freestyle to supplement her opening-day win at twice the distance. The Newcastle 20year-old sprinted to a narrow success, clocking 25.82 to defeat Scotland's Alison Sheppard by a mere tenth of a

England's James Hickman collected his second silver of the Games with a brave victory bid at the 200m individual medley.

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all of Chicago's runs as the Cubs beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 on Wednesday night. McGwire and Sosa now have

nine games left to bring their

duel to a conclusion - the prize

being sporting immortality.

sign of letting up.

SAMMY SOSA is matching Mark

McGwire home run for home

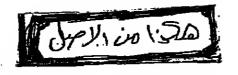
run in grand slammin' style as

the contest that is holding most of the crowd of 49,891 on America spellbound shows no Sosa hit his 63rd homer in the eighth inning and drove in

their feet, Sosa drove a 93 mph fastball from Brian Boehringer into the second deck in left field with two outs. Sosa had drawn level on 62 with his St Louis Cardinals rival, McGwire, on Sunday when he connected twice in a stunning performance at Wrigley Field. That gave him four homers in three

wire went ahead again when he hit his 63rd in the ninth inning of the first game of a doubleheader on Tuesday night.

Then, on Wednesday, the crowd went wild when Sosa's hall settled inside the foul pole, setting off a mad scramble for the souvenir. An adoring public demanded that he was summoned back on to the field for a curtain call. Mark Grace stepped out of the batter's box and Boehringer stepped off the days. Not to be outdone, McG-mound during the ovation.



FRIDAY REVIEW

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IDIPLNDINI

Tommy is not your average criminal. He belongs to Britain's most feared gang of drug dealers and hit men. Bound by blood, they thought they were untouchable. But you can't rely on anything these days, not even...

Adams family values

and unjailable. Eighteen months ago, they arrested one of the brothers, 40-year-old Tommy Adams,

in the middle of a drugs deal in the Tommy is the third oldest brother. Britannia International Hotel in London's Docklands. He and several other men were charged with conspiracy to supply drugs and one of them with the possession of a Regans and the Smiths. They were so Magnum revolver. On Wednesday, owing to the meticulous surveillance work over a year which led to the arrests, Tommy Adams and two of his lieutenants were given long jail sentences.

Over the last 10 years, the Adams have become notorious as the most infamous crime family in Britain, allegedly controlling a multimillion-pound drug dealing empire. As a result, the Adams are perhaps the most investigated family in criminal history: the subject of investigation and surveillance by Scotland Yard, Customs, Interpol, the Spanish police and even MI5 in their new anti-organised crime role. At one point in the early 1990s, a Customs contact told me there were seven separate co-ordinated teams of officers looking into the family's diverse criminal activities.

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But the Adams were also rumoured to have had police officers and a Conservative MP in their pay. After a decade without a major conviction, it looked as though the gang were invincible and unconvictable. This week all that changed.

Outside the courtroom, the man who led the investigation, Detective Chief Inspector Philip Burrows, said: "This case is a success for the National Crime Squad and dispels the myth that there are people who are untouchable. Tommy Adams was certainly a member of the upper echelon of major criminals and we have proved that

The Adams gang is part of a large extended working-class family from Islington in North London. The brothers who lead the gang were brought up on the This elite team has Barnsbury Estate - just a revolver shot finally debunked the away from Tony Blair's former bome. myth that Britain's Their parents still live quietly in a council crime family - the Adams - is untouchable flat, "the living-room and hallway are festooned with photos of the children, especially the boys, when they were young innocents". There are 11 children in all;

Islington has always been bome to the crème de la crème of heavy proletarian villains - families like the Nashes, the tough they kept the Krays out of North London in the 1960s. Some of the most notorious armed robbers of the 1970s when armed robbery was in its beyday hailed from Islington's backstreets. As a crime reporter, I was always fascinated by the way that in Islington, the old workingclass criminal network and gentrifying professionals like the Blairs lived side by side, often in the same streets, without their worlds ever colliding.

In the 1970s and 80s, the supergrass system decimated the ranks of this criminal elite. With robber ratting on robber, the old criminal loyalties disintegrated. You cannot run a gang if you can't trust your cronies. The second oldest Adams brother, Patrick had been convicted of armed robbery in the 1970s and jailed for seven years. He learnt the lesson: in this new climate only close blood-ties could be

In the 1980s, the armed rohbery fraternity moved into drug dealing. The old-style villains professed disdain for drugs. But the younger generation, like the Adams's, had no such qualms about drugs. One of the younger Adams brothers had had a basely problem. had a heroin problem for some years. By all accounts they were just a local Irish Catholic family with several tearaways in its rank, when, according to legend, the gang took on a local gangster, won and

could be sold.

"They run everything like a corporate as well as other property. husiness," said one detective. "The gang leaders are like a board of directors, a long way back from actual operations." Pat, 43. member of the family. Tommy was the Islington. Until recent years, their favourite haunt was the King Edward pub, near the Barnsbury Estate.

The controlled aura of violence around quite simply, feared and do not make idle threats. They have been accused in the media of numerous gangland "hits". In 1996 the Independent on Sunday said the gang were linked to "several murders". According to popular legend they invented

National an untouchable strata of criminal does not quad detected any body else - you can run but you can't hide".

began to run a number of his drinking dens. The Krays, the Adams have avoided their flamboyant and public lifestyle. In recent extended in pubs and clubs where drugs are the family have bought into legitimate. business and own a string of clubs and bars

The brothers are all good-looking, keep themselves very fit and dress very stylishly - looking more like older professional is considered to be the most intelligent footballers than gangsters. Tommy is far more handsome in real life than his police

The family do not like publicity. John McVicar first mentioned them in an article in 1987 and received a visit from a family associate who politely and firmly extracted them is the key to their success. They are, a promise not to write about the family in

When in 1992 McVicar again wrote about the family, detailing bow one of the gang shot Mad Frankie Fraser in front of Turnmills Nite Club in Clerkenwell the previous August, McVicar received another the "two on a bike" hit - a powerful trail visit. "Although I apologised for the breach, bike draws up, the pillion passenger gets the emissary shrugged his shoulders and off, produces a gun and shoots the grimaced mournfully. "John," he said, "it

BY PAUL LASHMAR

victim is usually a rival or someone who has transgressed the unwritten rules of the underworld.

this way. But the former armed robber turned journalist, John McVicar, has said. "It is doubtful that they have killed in anything like the numbers that are currently touted. Certainly most of the hits attributed to them in the press do not carry their hallmark."

The family seems to have been involved in some gun play. Mickey, 33, the youngest brother, was convicted of possession of a firearm in the mid 1980s. Some years ago a dispute with another Islington crime family, the Rileys, culminated in a shootout in Finsbury Square. A lot of damage was done but nobody was killed.

Although said to be more violent than

surprised target. The two hit men then roar saddens me to have to say it, and I hope off, their faces hidden by helmets. The it won't go any further, but if I were you I'd purchase some portable insurance, get in some target practice and be very careful of big trail hikes in your immediate Two months ago, an underworld contact vicinity." McVicar explained it was not told me that some 20 people had been killed appropriate for a journalist to go round

carrying a gun. As the family business has prospered, younger members of the extended family have been recruited to help with the criminal activities. Not all members of the family are criminals; some, including the Adams's parents and others of the 11 offspring are law-abiding and have held down normal jobs.

One of the biggest problems for the criminal side of the family is laundering the staggering amount of money acquired by the drugs dealing. They are believed to be worth over £50m and the police watch like hawks for any evidence of Adams' business connections.

Like many Islington criminals the Adam brothers have nurtured close links with Hatton Garden, London's jewellery and gold centre, just a mile away from their "manor". Money from their drugs deals is laundered by certain traders who turn their cash into gold and other non traceable assets. The money has poured in and the family have all bought large properties. Tommy, who is married to a woman of owns a £450,000 three-storey town house

in Mylne Street, King's Cross, not far from his parent's bome. Older brother Pat now spends much of his time in his villa in Fuengirola on Spain's "Costa del Crime". It is said that these days, he does not like the company of criminals.

Over the years, the Adams family has become the bete noire of Scotland Yard. The Commissioner, Sir Paul Condon, must have heen only too aware of the damaging effect of the Yard's failure to crack this highprofile gang, which had raised suspicions of police officers protecting the family.

Then, in early 1996, the National Crime Squad detectives assigned to the Adams had a break. They heard that Tommy Adams was running a large cannabis importation operation. As the subject of numerous target operations over the years, Tommy was highly security conscious. To prevent eavesdropping he controlled his lucrative drugs trade from the back of black cabs using two former school mates from Islington, Michael Papamichael and Ed Wilkinson as trusted aides.

From June 1996, drugs intelligence officers managed to plant tiny listening devices in the cabs, and hotel rooms, which secretly monitored dozens of conversations. They recorded incriminating discussions about the gang taking delivery of up to three tonnes of cannabis at a time, information about their dealing with Wilkinson was recorded admitting involvement with cocaine and boasting that he kept a .44 Magnum revolver in his mother's flowerpot. When the police team felt they had enough evidence they seized and arrested the gang.

Early this week, the trial began at

Woolwich Crown Court. Everyone was prepared for at least two months in court. The defendants were said to be confident of acquittal. Certainly, members of the family gang had proved difficult to convict in the past. But then, on Wednesday morning, word went round the court that the defendants were going to plead guilty

Later in the afternoon Adams, and his Edward Wilkinson, all 40 years old, came in front of Judge Michael Carroll for sentencing. The Judge said it was clear they had run an illicit operation of considerable magnitude.

Tommy Adams was jailed for seven-anda-half years and ordered to pay £1m in a confiscation order Failure to pay within one year will result in an additional five years on his sentence. Papamichael, of Liverpool Road, Islington, was sentenced to six years and ordered to pay £70,000. Wilkinson, of Inglebert Street, Islington. was jailed for nine years for conspiracy to supply cannabis and cocaine and the possession of a revolver. He was ordered to pay £30,000 or face a further jail sentence. After being sentenced, Adams, wearing a grey tracksuit, was led laughing from the dock.

A month ago, the National Crime Squad undertook a further series of raids. Detectives from Scotland Yard raided addresses in London and south east England. Twelve people were arrested and charged with various offences including attempted murder.

The family are now licking their wounds. John McVicar, who has written extensively about the family, said yesterday that they "have hit a series of rocks here. Aside from Tommy's conviction. their associate Gilbert Wytner was killed in March and another close associate has

Things are apparently not well within the family. Oldest brother Terry, 44, and Tommy had a full-scale row in the visitors' area at Belmarsh Prison shortly before the trial. But as one underworld source said yesterday, "The Adams are not finished yet".

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Greedy bastards

Sir: I see that Ruth Lea is still trotting out the same old myth of market forces applying in the jobs market (Right of Reply, 17 September).

We hear continual bleating from the "fat cats" about lack of designers and engineers, yet industry steadfastly refuses to stimulate the market for such people by paying them what they deserve. I have children at sixthform and university. I know that they and their friends are very much affected in their career choices by ultimate pay prospects.

Years of shortages of physics, chemistry and maths teachers have resulted in no extra pay to "solve the problem". Nurses continue to get a lower percentage rise than doctors, despite the shortages

Yet, when it comes to the company directors, to whom this mythical market applies, I see those who fail in one appointment heing rapidly snapped up into another high-profile, high-pay directorship. Truly worthwhile company directors who really know what is going on in their business from the shoofloor up are incredibly rare. The market is emphatically not ensuring that there are enough of them.

How does an intelligent young person with ambition break into this heady realm? By wearing the right suits, saying the right things and most of all coming from the right background - knowledge of technology and life seems to count JR CRELLIN

Weston-super-Mare, Somerset

Sir: I am delighted that at last Ken Livingstone has raised the banner for addressing the politics of greed ("The union chiefs are right – our policies are causing job losses", 16 September). I am sure that it was just pressure of space which stopped him from noting that when greedy bastards give themselves £50,000 pay rises the Government pockets £20,000 from the greedy bastard and £6,100 from his employer, thus helping to pay the wages and any pay increases of "the public sector workers who have borne the brunt of backdoor incomes policies for two decades" a higher take than the Government would achieve if the company's money had been spent in any other way.

No doubt he would also have gone on to note that such pay rises have only the most marginal affect on inflation since there are very few greedy bastards in a position to award themselves whopping pay rises.

observed that the paradigm greedy bastard who simultaneously imposed a pay freeze on his underlings is helping to keep inflation down, to the benefit of all of us.

It was a pity that Ken Livingstone could not find space to mention that the greed of private company directors is a private sin but a public benefit, but no doubt that will come in his next article. ALASTAIR MEEKS London SE13

Sir. Seeing your headline "Fury over 'greedy' bosses attack", (15 September) I wondered if I had not last year voted for the wrong party. Reading your editorial ("Forget 'fat cats' and focus on fighting inequality"), I wondered if I have also been reading the wrong

Can neither you nor the Government understand it is not the occasional outrageous behaviour of a "privatised" boardroom but the steady, consistent increase in apparently the majority of boardroom salaries at three or four times the rate of an ordinary employee's pay year after year which engenders the deep and growing resentment of our present situation, and a government which seems either unaware or unconcerned of the

potential dangers it invites? It is irrelevant that "there are simply too few really high earners to pay for a sustained attack on

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Apples and Pears 5: a picker finds the best way to combat conditions in the orchards is to abandon his footwear altogether

Tom Pilston

poverty", as you put it. The point is that when poverty and its effects continue to grow, it is immoral and shameful that a privileged minority should ensure the steady increase in their own remuneration at a rate far in excess of that allowed to the rest. At the same time to preach wage restraint for the masses is the most repugnant hypocrisy.

London SE9

Finally, no doubt he would have Sir: Please counterbalance your "Fury over 'greedy bosses' attack" story by reporting this GMB member's pride and elation that my general secretary has had the courage to speak out against this Government's obsession with sucking up to business.

> Many of the workers who keep the public services that we all rely on running have also kept the Labour Party alive through their unions' contributions, without them Tony Blair would not have a party to lead. Forcing yet more pay restraint down their throats may look tough to Rupert Murdoch and the rest of Blair's cronies, hut if I was a teacher or a nurse I'd be asking myself: "If I can't get a decent pay deal from this government, then what exactly is the point of the Labour Party-and why should I vote for it next time?" ANDREW FALL London N21

Sir. The New Experience Millennium Company argues that its bonus scheme to pay up to £430,000 in bonuses to three directors (Report, 16 September) "will make serving out their contracts more attractive to them".

How is it that Millennium Company directors need sweeteners to do what anyone else in the world accepts as right and natural? When I sign a contract to do a job, I expect to have to fulfil the terms of that contract and to finish the job and, if not, to be subject to due process of law.

It would be good to know which crony of the fat cat fraternity was responsible for wasting public funds by drafting such a woolly contract. PETER D BROWN London N1

Consultant awards

Sir: Even if the system of making merit awards for medical specialists is reformed ("Minister ends consultants' 'old pals act' ", II August), it will still remain a form of patronage and will continue to he used for persuasion or bargaining and will still be based. in the greatest number of cases, on certain untestable assumptions as to an individual's attitudes or

Sir: Your report on Rhys

community ("Dangerous

Hughes being released into the

paedophile, 65, is smuggled to

freedom", 15 September) says

that be has served six years of

a 10-year-sentence. It also says

that he refused treatment in

prison. Is it too simplistic to

suggest that if paedophiles

their full term in jail.

MAURICE OLIVER

Isleworth, Middlesex

Calcutta, where I had

tube well data already

Unicef correspondents

The situation is dire,

arsenic-contaminated tube

scale of the response from

whatever quarter is grossly

refuse treatment they should

have no chance of not serving

Sir: I have just returned from

discussions with university

researchers about arsenic in

the drinking water of Bangladesh. On the basis of

available the problem cannot

be "sensationalised" as your

claimed (letter, 16 September).

well water is routinely used for

drinking and cooking and the

The system of paying specialists, that is consultants, is absurd. A consultant reaches the maximum point on the pay scale after five years or less. Thereafter, there is no increment until retirement. It is an absurd notion that a consultant five years after appointment has equal value with someone 15 years his senior, with considerably more experience. What is needed is not a revision of the merit award system; this system should be abandoned immediately and a properly structured form of remuneration for consultants implemented. This could well include greater weighting for some specialities than others and properly staged seniority payments. The contracts

IN BRIEF

inadequate. The millions of

Bangladeshis who suffer the

effects of arsenic poisoning

will not be impressed by an

thinks this problem has been

Professor JOHN WHITELEGG

School of the Built Environment

Sir: Having read your article about meningitis ("There's a

alone in worrying about the

seriously ill child searching

their kitchen cupboards for a

glass tumbler. Urgent medical

attention ahould be sought for

prospect of parents of a

any child who is "floppy,

Dr JUDITH HALFORD

glass tumbler

unresponsive and unwell"

regardless of whether they

have a rash or not, let alone

whether it disappears under a

September) I am sure I am not

international agency that

"sensationalised".

University

Liverpool John Moores

killer on the run", 15

should in some way be sensitive to the amount of work actually undertaken. **CRRAYNER FRCS** Aberdeen

Sir: With regard to the doctors' 10 per cent pay claim (report, 10 September), I have recently moved and experienced the following costs: solicitor's fees, £110 per hour; plumber, £60 per hour; locksmith, £65 per hour; TV repair, £95 per hout.

The NHS hourly rate for consultants is £28.17, this for a socalled 35-hour week, and takes no account of on-call commitments or

In light of the above I would encourage young people with four

Sir: Naturally we are delighted

that Susan Tritton's friends in

Thailand find the BBC

international news and

information television

superior to the competition

(letter, 15 September). They

will be pleased to know that

BBC World, the BBC's 24-hour

channel, is currently available

in Thailand to over 115,000

satellite. JANIE IRONSIDE WOOD

BBC Worldwide

London W12

homes via the Pan Am Sat II

Director of Communications

Sir: John McInally reminds us,

in the context of the meeting of

Adams, (letter, 14 September)

handshake was to demonstrate

what convention applied when

David Trimble and Gerry

that the weapon hand was

empty". Does anyone know

a left-handed gunman met

another who was right-

MICHAEL T PHILLIPS

handed?

Huntingdon,

Cambridgeshire

that "the origin of the

Dr R BANNON Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk New trees for old

increase.

A-levels to train as plumbers

rather than neurologists, and

rather than urologists, electricians

forecast that the exodus of young

doctors from medicine can only

Sir: Mike Woodin indulges in some flights of fancy with regard to last week's eviction of illegal occupiers of a site by Oxford railway station, recently purchased by the University to build its proposed Said Business School (Podium, 16 September).

It is true that the Under Sheriff and his men were forced to cut down a handful of trees as part of this eviction, but this was entirely because the protesters had secured themselves to the trees, and made it plain they would continue to do so, and to reoccupy the buildings, as long as the trees remained. The University did not want the trees cut down, as in no way did they affect our plans for

the new Business School If our plans are approved, we will be planting 30 new mature trees at a cost of £1,000 each along the road frontage and on the station forecourt area, and we are confident that this area of Oxford will be much "greener" than it has ever been. This is again made possible through the generosity of Mr Wafic Said.

Far from demolishing the old Victorian London Midland Station. the University has taken enormous pains to secure the future of this listed building, which it was bound to move as a condition of developing the site. It will be dismantled, reerected and refurbished at the **Buckinghamshire Railway Centre** at Quainton, with the full approval of English Heritage and the Secretary of State for the Environment. DAVID R HOLMES Registrar University of Oxford

Ethical audit

Sir: At a time when principles of good professional practice all too often seem to come second to commercial considerations, the "Chinese Walls" judgment in the KPMG case (report, 16 September) is very welcome.

That judgment is about people in the same firm acting for opposing parties, and has resonance for professions other than accounting There is however another, more common and more profound threat to the exercise of independent judgement in accountancy

Practices engaged as auditors use their position to identify other business services which they can sell to the companies they audit, with the aim of becoming general business advisors. This is done as a matter of policy, and as firms get larger so they are able to offer more services and embrace their clients ever more intimately.

Now, company directors should no doubt be free to huy all their business advice at one stall, if it appears to them, however misguidedly, that that gives the best outcome. However, audit is not business advice; it is a crucial check-with a strong public interest element – upon a company's reporting of its results. Auditors ought to stand as nearly . as possible at arm's length from the subjects of their inquiries. Year by year, the commercial orientation of the accountancy sector is making this independence less and less attainable.

If we cannot look to the accountancy profession to secure the necessary degree of independence, the alternative has to be to protect the public interest by regulation from outside the profession. I should be very interested in readers' - and The Independent's -views on the form such regulation might take. CJHOLLAND London SE3

Black and British

Sir: Could companies and organisations that use application forms containing an ethnic monitoring policy make sure that the words "black British" appear at the top of the list of options and that the term "black other" is removed?

I am a 34-year-old black British man, born in England, and I constantly come across application forms which have options for "black African", "black Caribbe "black other" and "Airo Carlobean", but there is not bear for "black British". Up to be per cent of people here with dark skin are British-born and have made a massive contribution to the British economy. This anomaly seems to deliberately try and deny them their British birthright andheritage.

Why is it that in 1998 it is still automatically assumed that everyone with dark skin bas travelled from abroad and could not possibly have been born in Britain? MILTON N WESTCARR

Abbeymead, Gloucester

Tough texts

Sir: I fear that some of the books I quoted as recommended reading for teenagers ("What every teenager should be reading", 17 September) - for example, Burckhardt on the Renaissancemay be thought a trifle ambitious. This is because I had no idea the list was for teenagers. My impression was that these were books people would do well to read before they die, and teenagers, of course, do not expect to die.

All this inadvertently highlights a familiar problem. If you do not treat tecnagers as grown-ups, you are in trouble. If you treat them as grown-ups by recommending demanding books you can be in 0.00 equal trouble. To that extent, my little misunderstanding with The Independent may have served a GEORGE WALDEN 18.6

The man on the door of the Gents is eating our words

JUSTIN LOCKHART is hot Justin literature than the notice which Lockhart is NOW Justin Lockhart has got a TV series coming out and he's going to be a star. That's what Justin Lockhart thinks, anyway.

Justin Lockhart is professor of Applied Literacy at Milton Keynes University. But what is Applied Literacy? And why will it make him hot, famous and a star?

'Applied literacy is literacy in action," says Professor Justin, smoothing back his locks and looking for a nearby mirror. "It's reading for a purpose. Reading is a very multi-function activity. For instance, reading Shakespeare is not reading for a purpose. Reading a notice which says 'Danger -10,000 Watts' is reading for a very special purpose. It tells you to keep out. Shakespeare only tells you a story. Shakespeare is incomparably finer

says 'Danger - 10,000 Watts'. But it is more important to read the notice. Shakespeare can enhance your life. The notice can save your life. That's applied literacy."

Hmm. And how will that make him hot, famous and a star? "We have been told endlessly that

the electronic media are making reading and writing outmoded," says Justin, ignoring the question, "which is just so much pepperoni. The internet depends absolutely on reading and writing. Look inside any newsagent. It is crammed with magazines on computers. If you want to learn about computers in a hurry, you don't go to computers, you go to a magazine about computers. They are all very badly designed, by the way, but that's for another programme. I mean, another time.

"Now, the people who run our media are all clapped out arts graduates who think that writing is the stuff they studied at university - in other words, that writing is all about great literature. Which is why we get all these programmes about great writers, and adapta-tions of Jane Austen... Good God! Great writing is the tip of the iceberg! It doesn't even begin to include such writing as instruction manuals, insurance small print, Acts of Parliament or record blurbs. You could easily make a case for Acts of Parliament being the most important documents governing our lives, but who has ever read one? Even seen one?"

"My message is this: if you never read Jane Austen, you won't suffer, but if you don't read the instructions on your CD player or



'If David Blunkett really wants to improve literacy all he has to do is ban signs with drawings'

your DIY material, you're heading for trouble. Do you know what the best-selling poem in the world is?"

(Professor Lockhart loves sudden changes of subject like this. It works really well on the telly, too.) No... well, The Waste Land? Something by Betjeman? Larkin? "The best-selling poem in the

world is this," says Lockhart. Every year that passes / Brings me closer to you / Every day that passes / Says, I'll Always Be True.' That, or something like it, is sold by the millions every day on a greeting card. That is what people actually buy."

But it's terrible poetry! "My friend, that is irrelevant," says Justin Lockhart. "All that matters is what actually goes on in the wide wide world. What reading is really for. That is my business. And this is the first TV series which has ever looked at what people really read. Forget The

London Review of Books. Think Exchange & Mart." Why Exchange & Mart?

"Because out there in the despised want-ads, people have evolved a whole new language uninfluenced by the academics. People ask where new modern poetry is coming from. It's already there in the personal ads, the lonely hearts ads! Just as the modern collector of folksongs has to go out on the Arsenal terraces and record the chants, so the pursuer of applied lit-

trade mags." So applied literacy is taking over the world, is it? "No. There are obstacles."

eracy will rush out and buy the

Like television? "Certainly not. There is more and more writing on TV the whole time - captions, running captions,

footnotes all over the place. All quiz games are based on writing. Illiterate people can hardly watch TV these days.

No, the main enemy of applied literacy is the pictogram. The little diagram, or picture which replaces words. Instead of the words Ladies and Gents we now have little pictures of a lady and a gent. We have lines through cigarettes to denote No Smoking, we have a a sketch of a man running to denote Emergency Exit, we have two old people for Old Folks Home... If David Blunkett really wanted to improve literacy, all he has to do is ban signs with drawings on them, and insist on words only."

Justin Lockhart's new TV series is colled Now Read On'. It's hot, It's now. It just might make him a star.

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Spanish press comment on ETA's ceasefire



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THIS IS a victory for political and judicial action. It is a sucEl Mundo The reaction of many politicians

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Mandelson's delivery fails to meet the post

AS A FORMER TUC official, Peter Mandelson understands his former employers well enough to know that advocating Post Office privatisation yesterday would not have been a good idea. But the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's dismissal of recent press reports was less than categorical. "No decisions have been taken to privatise the Post Office," he said in an aside to the delegates in Blackpool. To which the temptation is to respond: "Well, they should have been."

The Post Office is the largest commercial enterprise left in the public sector, the sole significant survivor of the family silver. It stayed in the state sector partly because of the Queen's head on the stamps and the word "Royal" on the red vans, a tribute to Margaret Thatcher's pragmatism in the face of public sentiment. Michael Heseltine's attempt, after her removal, was then defeated by the Post Office unions, who proved to be canhily effective lobbyists. But the logic of private-sector disciplines and opportunities cannot be held back for ever - and it would have been braver of Mr Mandelson to use his speech yesterday to begin to make that case to representatives of the Post Office'a employees.

There can and should be much debate about the best way to introduce private-sector disciplines and privatesector finance into the Post Office. But there should be no argument about the principle. Indeed, almost all the Conservative privatisations were flawed. Assets were sold too cheaply; monopolies were sold off intact or as duopolies; and regulators were (and still are) too weak. But the programme has been hugely beneficial to the economy as a whole, and to the employees of former public-sector bodies.

It is important, therefore, that it should be done carefully. It may be that contracting out services may be the best model, rather than, as the Post Office management would prefer, selling the whole business. Subpost-offices are, after all, effectively contracted out to self-employed shopkeepers. In addition, for public relations purposes - and Mr Mandelson made a nice selfdeprecating reference to his expertise in this area - it may be that the word "privatisation" should not be used.

Letter post is both a natural monopoly and - to some extent - a social service. But, as the Prime Minister has said in relation to local government, what matters is not who provides a service but how well it is provided. Each user of the Post Office has a different view, but the reality is probably that, while many aspects of the service



are good, such as Sunday collection and twice-daily deliveries, some remain poor, such as parcels and forwarding. But all aspects could be improved, and competition and private finance are the best incentives.

Labour's manifesto was curiously worded, saying that the party "opposed" privatisation in the past. As for the future, it said only: "We will ensure that self-financing commercial organisations within the public sector - the Post Office is a prime example - are given greater commercial freedom to make the most of new opportunities." Call it greater commercial freedom or privatisation, what matters is that the Post Office, and

especially its workforce, becomes flexible enough to adapt to changing markets. It has become a much more efficient organisation recently, but it cannot rely on the growth of junk mail to continue unabated in the era of e-mail and the Internet. Mr Mandelson put it in the most general terms: "We must make change our friend, not our enemy."

He should have been more explicit, and told the unions that this will mean finally shedding the labour movement's sentimental attachment to the idea of government needlessly running profitable commercial

A statement of the obvious

CALL IT progress: nowadays, if a child spits at a teacher, tortures other pupils or cannot add, he or she will not be beaten but "statemented". Beating children is, of course, a terrible thing. But, as is so often the case, when a noun is turned into a verb there is a loss of intellectual rigour in the process. Statements of special educational need have become an industry in their own right. The Audit Commission reports today that 260,000 children have been drawn into its maw.

There are two perverse incentives at work here. One is financial: schools get more money for statemented pupils and so have an incentive to classify difficult ones in this way. The other is emotional, in that parents want something to hlame if their child is not doing well or behaving badly. Thus a child who pulls pigtails is diagnosed as suffering Attention Deficit Disorder, and one who has trouble with maths is said to be dyspraxic.

In some cases, of course, the statementing process is necessary, but it is far too bureaucratic. It seems to be run entirely for the convenience of the officials and professionals who operate it, rather than in the interests of children. It is not the best way to assess the "needs" of individual children.

That said, however, the system cannot be junked. It is one of the few defences against the centrifugal tendencies of creeping selection in schools. All the other incentives are for schools to exclude less able and disruptive children - either at the admissions stage, or by disciplinary action, or by tolerating truancy. At least statementing encourages schools to hold on to these pupils, and to focus on their needs. But the process urgently needs to be reformed, not least because, as the Audit Commission points out, a finite amount of money is heing spread increasingly thinly across a growing number of children with wildly varying degrees of need.

That's rich

AS THE Queen landed in Brunei, a Palace spokesman told journalists that this visit would be an example of the new democratic style. HRH, we were told, would be keen to meet as many ordinary people as possible. The only grain of sand in this well-oiled presentational triumph is that there are no ordinary people in Brunei. The locals are all rolling in oil money. The only poor people are the immigrant workers whom the Queen will not be meeting. With public relations like this, the monarchy is not going to survive long.

Behind the bluster, Labour has quietly tamed the unions

looking for spats, and because there are many genuine differences of policy between unions and the Government, we found them this week. It was When John Prescott spoke, earlier no exaggeration to say that they were at loggerheads over the economy. John Edmonds knew he would get on the front pages by talking about the "greedy bastards". It reflected a good piece of political theatre to suggest that Peter Mandelson and Eddie George had entered the "lion's den" when they spoke here.

But the juicy quotes and the theatrical imagery hide a much bigger story. For the unions have changed far more than is implied by headlines, reminiscent of those which screamed across the front pages 20 years ago. lite they have become.

is true even of Edmonds himself.

the change rather well. Sure, he dis-

agrees with the Government, yes, in

my interview with him he raised the

spectre of industrial action, warning

that "accumulated grievances" over

public sector pay could lead to strikes.

But when I saw him in Blackpool, I got the impression he regretted his rela-

tively moderate stridency. His origi-

nal words jarred with the continuing

goodwill that is felt towards the

The unions are defensive, as if still repenting for past misdeeds, sub-dued, confused, uncertain of their one of the biggest critics of the Gov-ernment's economic policy, told me afrole, grateful for any crumbs from the ministerial table, willing to consider new roles for themselves and new economic ideas. Or, as John Edmonds put it to me in a New Statesman interview, after 18 years of Conservative govment, that is the limit of their expecernment they are more humble. This which ministers respect their right to Indeed, I would suggest that the GMB General Secretary personifies .

Let us move away from the econrelated recruitment crisis in schools.

I watched David Blunkett's speech at the conference while sitting next to the General Secretary of the NUT, Doug McCavoy. He poured praise on Blunkett: the policies were making a difference in schools. Teachers recognised that he was trying his best to get

DON'T BE fooled by the headlines. As Labour government, and an instinct journalists, we head for conferences that union leaders do not want to say or do anything which could jeopardise its continuing existence. Take another

> this week, his words matched the spin from the days before, a rare occurrence with this government. He delivered a blunt message on the Government's determination not to change course on the economy. To me, he also appeared tired and less engaged with his audience than be can be on such occasions, more Deputy Prime Minister burdened by government than the man coming home to his natural constituency. But the union leaders loved it, or said they did, which at the very least shows how po-

In a BBC interview, Roger Lyons, General Secretary of the MFS, and terwards that he would like to send the speech to all his members, it was so good. The reason? Prescott had said that unions had the right to disagree with the Government. At the motations - to be part of a dialogue in

omy to a specific, and potentially explosive, issue: teacher's pay and the

STEVE RICHARDS

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more money from the Treasury. Blunkett himself was evidently so committed to the brief. What a contrast, he observed, from the previous 18 years. That, of course, is the point, and the context, of what I take to be a significant change in the attitude of the main unions. After being ignored and rendered powerless by Thatcherism, just about anything else is seen as an improvement, worthy of rejoicing.

But it is more than that An understated element of New Labour politics is the pivotal role played by politicians who are not necessarily part of the inner Blairite circle. It has become a cliché to suggest that only a few people matter in this government - I have used it myself plenty of times. Derek Draper is

not alone. I now think this is wrong. Blair has been extremely astute in placing politicians in the right places who will deliver for him, but command proach. There are real opportunities full of tame animals.

Prescott is always cited as one such soever for conflict with this governexample. But Blunkett is another.

Ian McCartney, at the DTI, is also a givefal figure. He spent virtually the entire week at the conference, which is fairly remarkable for a minister with a demanding schedule. In his ill-fitting shirts and trousers, he looked as far removed as it can possibly be from a pristine New Labour model, but he is not by any stretch of the imagination a figure from the past. He evangelises on the need for social partnership and stresses his ties with business as much as with the unions. He jokes that turned-out boss, Peter Mandelson, are seen as The Odd Couple, but the two work well together. His importance, though, in this week's context is that trade union leaders trust and rate him. After the Conservatives, they are not used to dealing with any ministers whom they trust and rate. In fact, they

are not used to dealing with any ministers at all. Senior ministers have been annoyed to hear denunciations of their economic policies, without being offered a detailed alternative. It is a fair put their cases on public sector pay point. Throughout the week, I have and recruitment, or the impact of high point. Throughout the week, I have asked union leaders whether they really think it would be wise, for example, for the Government to break a not want to take on this government.

pledge on taxation. My impression is that they do recognise the disastrous consequences of such a U-turn. Before Eddie George addressed them on Tuesday, John Monks stressed the need for them to offer detailed, workdenounce the Government's ap-

ment. Indeed, I detect the reverse. There is a desire to grab at any opportunity to praise. This means that the unions will do everything possible to avoid outbreaks of industrial action. however unhappy they are with government policy. As Denis Healey ob-served, Tony Blair is a more fortunate Prime Minister than any of his pre-decessors – he is facing a union

movement he can do husiness with. But that, in itself, demands a responsible response from ministers. It is easier than it has ever been to ighe, and his always immaculately nore the unions, or view them with disdain. But they still represent a substantial slice of the population, and seem to be determined to limit themselves to that role. There was no grand posturing on wider political questions in Blackpool.

The unions have not made statements even on welfare reform, which is one of the big political issues. What a contrast to the era when the political world held its breath, as it awaited their latest declaration on unilateral nuclear disarmament. So when they interest rates, they do so with genuine feeling and with some regret: they do

At the very least, they deserve to be listened to very seriously. If Mandelson had spent the full week in Blackpool, he would have known warnings about the Government not being a "soft touch" were superfluous. Neither he, nor Eddie George, entered able policies of their own, not just to a lion's den this week. If the Blackwool conference was a den, it was stuffed

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To go into the next election defending the grotesque top people's pay awards, without the balance of a fair system of taxation, will mark the most fundamental change in what Labour perceives its mission to be." Frank Field, former minister for welfare reform

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Comedy, we may say, is society protecting itself with a smile." J B Priestley. playwright and novelist



ETA'S ANNOUNCEMENT of a extortion and murder Sadiy, one cannot expect those who complete, indefinite ceasefire scorn life to speak the truth. should raise no hopes. A careful reading of the paragraph in its statement which says "as WHAT COUNTS with this oryet arms will not be given up, ganisation is not what it says hut reserved for defensive reahut what it does. If it stops sons" is enough to make that killing, even temporarily and

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

cess for this government, which has known how to strike, dealing with ETA without giving in to the temptation to fight a dirty war And paradoxical as the criminal who planted the they don't call a halt now: that it may seem, we must recog-

PANDORA

THE TUC President John Edmonds' attack on greedy bosses will no doubt be the enduring moment of this year's Blackpool conference. Unsurprisingly, Edmonds was not pleased about the unflattering photograph of himself that first appeared in the London Evening Standard on Monday, and in most of the other papers the following day (although not The Independent). Oo Tuesday, Edmonds attended a dinner for Tony Blair at the Stakis Hotel. In the hotel's lift, a friend enquired after the union leader's well being. Edmonds complained of his hectic schedule, but added: "I'd like to get my hands round the the throat of one particular photographer." Fat cats should watch their necks; the Blackpool Strangler is born.

IN WASHINGTON, the sexobsessed Starr report has lowered the tone of American political journalism, and it's not only the President who's feeling the heat. In the past two weeks, three Republican leaders have been forced to admit to sexual indiscretions after journalists confronted them, according to The Washington Post. Most important is House **Judiciary Committee** chairman, Henry J Hyde, currently heading the preimpeachment hearings. He has just admitted to a fiveyear affair with a married woman, back in the Sixties. While Republicans have accused Clinton's team of instigating these stories, the White House strenuously denies involvement. One Texas Republican Congressman called the story about Hyde: "The most despicable, most disgraceful, most disgusting piece of rumour mongering that I have ever seen.

Where has he been for the

past eight months?

THE US embassy in London has just replenished its fleet of cars. Cadillacs? Lincolns? No. Robin Reliants The embassy bought a fleet of threewheeled vehicles last year, and has just added two more, at the bargain price of £7,050 each. The sight of a Reliant with diplomatic plates may be strange, but the embassy is not bothered: "We are amused by the attitude to these cars," US spokesman Dennis Wolf told Car

magazine. He points out that these vehicles, nifty on London's crowded roads, are used by delivery and repair staff, not for ferrying Ambassador Philip Lader to Buckingham Palace.

AS TOPSHOP prepares to open its new Oxford Circus flagship on 3 October, London is wallpapered with a sleek upmarket ad campaign for the retail chain. The brains behind Topshop's new "Can't live without..." marketing effort belong to Ronnie Cooke Newhouse, wife of Conde Nast International chief, Jonathan Newbouse. Mrs Newhouse made her mark in New York as the brilliant creative director for Barney's department store and, in 1997, landed the job as creative director of Calvin Klein's in-house advertising agency. The latter required her to commute constantly between New York and the conple's Notting Hill home. After just a year, Ronnie gave np the Klein joh to open her own London agency - RCN Associates in order to spend more time with Jonathan. "Can't live without...", indeed.

PR consultant who helped to inspire the loopy television sitcom Absolutely Fabulous, was holding forth in Los Angeles recently at a New Age bookstore. She made the audience hold hands as she informed them that they were in "the global fusion business", and how important it was "to be connected to the Earth". In the Eighties, Franks's work for Absolut Vodka was an absolute triumph. One of her American clients is Sky Vodka. That doesn't sound very earthy, but clearly Lynn has celestial hopes for the product.

LYNN FRANKS, the delightful

CYBILL SHEPHERD (pictured) has laid bare some hairy details about Bruce Willis, her former co-star in the hit TV series Moonlighting. At a New York magazine party this week,

Shepherd said intended to dedicate part of her forthcoming book, Cybill Disobedience, to Bruce Willis's bottom. Apparently, Willis was forever dropping his pants and

mooning on the Moonlighting set. Shepherd claims she asked Willis to warn her, so that she could gird herself for the sight. She suggests that Willis "could probably use some of that hair producing such civilisations. now on his head".

The rate of formation of suitable

Who's making toast if not the nurse?

I CAME out of hospital yesterday, a minor op, no problems, no flowers please. All went well, thank you for asking, just a bit being chopped off my foot. What was interesting was the change in hospitals since the last time I was in, 20 years ago, for a car-

At that time, every doctor I saw was a Brit, floating through the ward in a high state, and a smart suit, ever so impressive, not to say pompous, while every nurse who looked after me was foreign -- West Indian, Australian or Irish. This time, every doctor I saw was foreign. They appeared to be Egyptian or Arab, judging by their names and their accents. While all the nurses were local Brits, born and living in the im-

Not a true comparison, of course, because they were different hospitals. This time I have been in the West Cumberland hospital in Whitehaven. Last time, 20 years ago, I was in a leading teaching hospital in London, tha Royal Free.

Lots of other things have changed in 20 years. The waiting list for a start. I hardly seemed to wait for my cartilage op, but this time I



HUNTER **DAVIES**

The patients seemed the same as always all reading 'The Sun', all with tattoos

seem to have been waiting for ever. Well, a year to be precise. Labour, when they came to power, promised to get the waiting time down, but have so far failed. Which is just as well. I was dreading the call coming during the World Cup. Then what would I have done?

I was in for only one night and two days, but straight away, I was aware of the shortages. There appeared to be only one staff nurse in the part 12 beds. She was never still, always doing several things at once, but she did manage to come with me down the corridor, and up in the lift to the operating theatre for cheilectomy operation.

The patients seemed much the same as last time - all reading The Sun, all with tattoos – but then I was in the male half of an orthopaedics ward again, along with lots of blokes suffering from football injuries. One nurse, seeing me read The Independent in the morning, asked why I hadn't gone private. I said I was against private schools and private health, believing that all education and health should be free. Also, I'm bloody mean.

"Oh well, everyone to their opinion," she said. "But you would have had it done much earlier."

Too true. Last September, I was told I could have my op in three weeks, perhaps even three days, if I went private. Otherwise, it would be a year. Not a hard choice, really, as I wasn't in agony just discomfort, unable to wear shoes, though the pain was getting worse.

The present shortages are, of of the ward I was in, looking after course, affecting the Royal Free as well as West Cumberland, resulting in more and more foreign staff coming in, if they can find them. Over three quarters of the nation's hospitals have at present got vacancies they can't fill, according to the BBC vesterday, which has got some leads from a forthcoming NHS Confed-

> eration report Up till now, the West Cumberland Hospital has not had too much of a problem recruiting nursing staff. Nigel Woodcock, Chief Executive, confirmed what I had observed that the nursing staff are almost all local. They tend not to want to move away, because of family ties. and there aren't so many local jobs for women anyway.
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> Their big problem is among doc-

tors and consultants, hence all the foreign doctors. He said the pro-portion was particularly high in orthopsedics. Overall, some 25 per cent of their consultants were from overseas. But finding doctors, from anywhere, is a continual headache. The problem generally is that

there are not enough British medical graduates, and of the ones who do qualify, there is a large fall-out. Medicine seems to have lost a lot of its appeal. We have extra problems here because we are geographically remote. We often find that our main attraction in recruiting is the Lake District. People take jobs with us so they can go out walking.

"We have just appointed a consultant anaesthetist and consultant psychiatrist - and in each case the interviewing process was very easy - we had only one applicant for each job."

As a patient, though, I have no complaints. All went well. My op was fine, though I was a bit alarmed just as I was about to be wheeled into the operating theatre to see a clergyman arrive in the ward, dressed all in lack, carrying a large Bible. I tried to bide under the bed clothes, but he came across to my bed and spoke to me - in an American accent. I though my ears were playing tricks. You just don't get Americans in west Cumberland. He used to be a New York cop, he said. Now he's vicar of Beckermet. Seems that the Church, as well as our hospitals, is having some problems recruiting people...

The reality is that intelligent life is probably out there

AT THE Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratories at Jodrell Bank this week a major new collaborative research project has begun. Together with colleagues from the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, astronomers are attempting to detect faint radio signals from intelligent life elsewhere in our Galaxy. This research, called Project

Phoenix, uses the University of Manchester's 76-metre Lovell radio telescope and the 305-metre US radio telescope based at Arecibo, in Puerto Rico. By using two telescopes it is possible to discriminate between signals of an extraterrestrial nature and those that are from within the Solar System. This will be the most sensitive and comprehensive search for extraterrestrial signals ever carried out.

vexed humankind for many centuries. But we are privileged to live in an era where the technology exists to make a serious attempt at its resolution. A belief in the existence of extraterrestrial life is often as personal as religious conviction and perhaps as much based on faith. But scientifically the possibility cannot be discounted and, perhaps more than any other time in history, the subject can rightly be regarded as a respectable discipline.

Before we even begin such a search we must address the question of whether there is some chance of success. For example, can we estimate the number of civilisations within our own Milky Way galaxy? This is a question that has been asked many times, but scientists now believe they now have a reasonable knowledge of the factors involved in

stars - that is, ones which are hot



ANDREW LYNE

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enough to allow life to evolve - is a Whether or not we are alone in crucial starting-point. Astronomers the universe is a question that has can easily assess this rate of formation at about one star per year. However, these stars also need to have habitable planets.

Only in the last five years has astronomical science found evidence that at least some stars (other than our own star, the Sun) have planetary systems. Current belief is that perhaps one in 10 stars have planets orbiting them. But we also require that these planets are warm enough to have liquid water, a basic component of life on Earth and pre-sumably life elsewhere, and are large enough to retain an atmosphere that can both provide protection and sustenance to de-

Next we must assess the fraction of these suitable planets that actually develop life. Since life developed on Earth almost as soon as conditions were right, it is reasonable to suppose that life would form on any such suitable planet. But we cannot assume that these lifeforms will evolve into "intelligent" beings. It

veloping life.

took 3,000 million years for intelligent beings to develop on Earth, which may mean the process is difficult and therefore uncommon. But it may be reasonable to assume that any intelligent lifeforms will then go on to develop the necessary technology with which to attempt interstellar communication.

The final critical question is how long such an advanced civilisation survives. Humankind has only been transmitting radio signals since the 1920s and if our civilisation were destroyed tomorrow, through our own negligence or some natural catastrophe, we would only have existed as an "intelligent civilisation" for a tiny fraction of the lifetime of

It may be that other civilisations in the universe come and go in this way, sparking into existence for only a brief time. Then our chances of detecting these civilisations is very small. But if these civilisations can exist for millions of years, we have a good chance of finding at least some of them. Given optimistic most predictions imply there would be many thousands of such civilisations. Our searches will only be successful if some of these have a willingness to attempt to communicate with others.

The present attempt at detection is technically the most sophisticated and comprehensive search yet per-formed. The advanced radio receivers used at Jodrell Bank and Arecibo detect a broad band of radio frequencies. This band is split up into hundreds of millions of very narrow channels, each one only 1 Hz wide. Computers then search each channel simultaneously for patterns in frequency or time that indicate whether a continuous or pulsed signal is present. Any prominent candidate signals are then



Models of ETs alleged to have landed in New Mexico in 1947

looked at more closely to determine differ or be similar to us and we must their origin and nature.

We are looking for a signal that is obviously coming from beyond the Solar System and which cannot be due to any known natural process. Obviously, signals from other distant civilisations are likely to be very faint. guesses, where possible based on so Project Phoenix concentrates scientific and sociological evidence, on star systems relatively close by: within about 200 light years of Earth.

Those involved in this kind of research have no hidden agenda. Strict protocols for announcing discoveries to both the scientific community and the media are already in place. The detection of a signal from another civilisation would surely have a profound global impact. Studies to assess the public's likely reaction to such a discovery have concluded there would be confusion and ex-

citement but little panic or hysteria. But the world is unlikely to change radically overnight; rather, a slow realisation and yearning for more information is likely to follow. We will know very little about this extraterrestrial life. We have no way of knowing how such life may Jodrell Bank

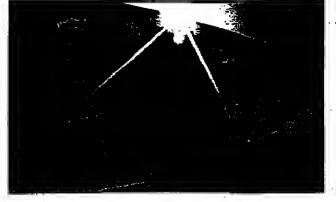
consider the possibility that the civilisation might not be benign before we attempt communication.

We must bear in mind that any signals we send in reply will take many years, perhaps centuries, to reach their destination. This would be perhaps the most frustrating part of our greatest revelation

It is difficult to assess the chances of success for Project Phoenix. Since the experiment is targeting only nearby stars, we would be fortunate indeed to find them this time around. However, if we don't attempt such a search our chances of success are zero. Failure, if it comes, will not necessarily mean we are alone, perhaps only that we have not yet looked hard enough. In that case we should look to the prospects of future generations attempting to answer this same question. But if we succeed, it will represent the greatest discovery we shall ever make.

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THIS WEEK IN THE INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY



Scotland at the crossroads

It's a year since the Scots said 'Yes' to devolution, and support for the Scottish National Party - and independence - is growing. The ultimate consequences could shatter the United Kingdom. In a special edition of the Sunday Review, writers including Tom Nairn, Pat Kane, and Ian Bell explore what is going on north of the border, politically, culturally and economically

No U-turn on the free trade road

MY VISIT today, repre-senting the British Government, the current chair of the G7, reaffirms the partnership between the G7 countries as an indisputable foundation for international stability and prosperity. Our shared commitment to open trade and orderly progress among the G7 has been a driving force for growth - even in countries that not so long before seemed likely to be permanently left

Now the trend is stalled, and in some places even reversed - but I believe that is a temporary setback, not a permanent condition.

I believe that the essential answer to the problems of the moment is not less globalisation - not new national structures to separate and isolate economies - but stronger international structures to make globalisation work in harder times as well as easy ones. Our urgent need is closer co-operation, continuing dialogue, and an unwavering commitment to open commerce. We must not let temporary instability put global progress at risk.

turns, as a storm in one region threatens to spread, there are easy but dangerous shelters a return to protectionism, the breakdown of co-operation, the rise of beggar-thy-neighbour policies. But this can only yield further deterioration, not renewed growth.

All countries must actively work together to sustain domestic demand and maintain open markets for investment and trade upon which our shared prosperity depends. What is necessary is closer international co-operation to achieve stability and sustained growth, open trade and strengthened financial systems.

Irreversible global economic integration in capital and now also product markets has been accompanied by impressive growth in the world economy. During the 1990s, global output has expanded by an average of over 3 per cent each year, with developing countries growing at an average of 6 per cent and countries in Asia by an average

of 8 per cent. The first priority for Asia is to restore a platform of economic stability on which growth depends. The economic situation in much of



PODIUM GORDON

BROWN From a speech by the Chancellor to the Federation of Bankers' Associations, Tokyo

Asia remains difficult, as the slowdown is turning out to be greater than expected. But progress has been made in restoring economic stability in some of the countries directly affected by the crisis, through full and timely implementation of the necessary reforms, in conjunction with the IMF. In both Thailand and Korea, we have seen signifibelow pre-crisis levels.

I also want to mention the vital contribution which China is making to global financial stability. Its policy of main-taining a stable exchange rate is an important and responsible one in difficult times. As our recent statement

made clear, G7 countries, as well as the IMF and the World Bank, stand ready to support countries in all emerging markets which are prepared to embark on a course of strong and sound policy action. Of course, for the IMF to do this and be ready to help in times of crisis, it needs adequate resources now. I am glad to say that the British Government has taken action to play its part in doing this, and I urge others to do the same as a matter of urgency.

In Russia, economic progress can only be secured if there is political stability and a genuine commitment to both stabilisation and structural reform. As the G7 officials discussed at their meeting in London earlier this week, the international community remains ready to cant currency appreciation cooperate further with Russia this year, and this has allowed in support of sustained ef-

interest rates to be reduced to forts towards stabilisation and

Vigilance is required not just in domestic macroeconomic policy but also in trade policy. We must guard against the risk that worries over cheap imports from Asia will encourage misguided calls for a retreat into protectionism.

We need to move quickly to a new round of trade talks that will take multilateral liberalisation forward, not backwards. We shall be looking critically at our own rules and measures. For example, The Voluntary Restraint Agreement on Japanese car exports to the UK expire at the latest at the end of 1999. The UK is and will remain firmly committed to the liberalisation of the UK and EU car markets.

We must never forget that the path of open trade and open capital markets that we have travelled in the last 30 or 40 years has brought unprecedented growth, greater opportunity and a better life for people across the world. No sensible policy-maker wants to turn the clock back to protectionism. We must make markets work - in tough times as well as

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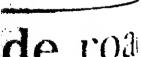
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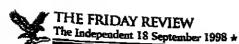
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Drop dead, gorgeous



SUZANNE **MOORE**

Models represent our times because they reflect our own shallowness. No wonder we hate them

THERE WAS a time before the mid-Eighties when the word "model" was used as a job description. Now it is used to describe a state of grace bestowed on a clutch of successful women who do not just do modelling, but are models. How this has come about, and why zeitgeist surfers such as a writer like Jay McInerny see the model as "the representative figure of our times", may be worth pondering. The person least likely to en-

lighten us on this score has been given three hours of television time to do so. I am referring to the photographer David Bailey who knows all there is to know about models because be has married a few, photographed loads and slept with millions. Asking Bailey to examine the modelling industry is like asking the bloke down the pub to analyse the current state of the NHS because he happens to have a thing about women in nurses uniform.

Models Close-up was revealing mainly because of its extraordinary lack of interest in revealing anything that we did not already know. You may be surprised, for instance, to find out that models have to have a certain "something", that sleazy guys prey upon them, that they drink champagne all the time and fly around the world, but I cannot say that I was

Bailey, who is a "geezer" and therefore obviously not a sleaze ball, was filmed with a slimy playboy whose main claim to fame was that he too had slept with lots of models. "Join the club" these revolting men wheezed at each other. Meanwhile "the models or girls or whatever you like to call them", as Bailey helpfully explained, were interviewed except one who didn't turn up - Linda Evangelista - who claimed she was having a panic at-tack. Perhaps Linda was going through some sort of existential crisis or she was having a bad hair day. Perhaps she just could not be bothered to get out of bed for Channel

4 and darling, can you blame her? Those who could be bothered wheeled out the same old stories. How Kate Moss got discovered at the airport, how Cindy and Christy and Helena wised up to the financial predators all slicing off their 10 per cent. How naughty Naomi was



Models parade down a New York catwalk for the finale of a Donna Karan show

a monster who split with her agency or how the important thing about her was her "blackness". The fashion world, we are told, can't really deal with blackness, which is a shame because fashion writers won't beable to inform us that black-

ness is the new whiteness. If modelling is a superficial industry where nothing matters except what you look like, how come the myth is still perpetuated that looks are not everything, that you have to have an extra talent or ability to make it to the top?

For this is what the magazines tell us and women's magazines are full of stories of models who were once ugly ducklings, of unusual beauties who were not appreciated until one particular scout saw them on the street. All this feeds into the sad fantasy that any of us could be a model even if we are too short, too fat, too ugly. A lot of money is made out of these wannabes who pay to be humiliated. Still. I guess no man ever made it with the chat-up line "Has anyone ever told you that you could never be a model?"

Just as the Spice Girls' popularity was premised on their individual "personalities", so too the supermodels have become brand names. They do not just model anymore. They make exercise videos, write novels, get their bit parts in movies.

The pointless search to insist that they have some sort of depth is fascinating to behold. Here is Naomi with Nelson Mandela. The one world leader with a residue of integrity is happy these days to lend it to those who need to be taken a bit more seriously - models, Spice Girls, whatever, All those years in prison, not just to liberate people, but to provide the best PR on the planet for those whose image needs

a little, shall we say, moral uplift. I never understood the fuss about models until I went into a fashion show and there I was totally swept away. They are indeed fabulous aliens, not like the rest of us at all. They are trained to walk in the weirdest way possible by gay men, they are never given food, they cry a lot but claim to be having the best time and, yes, they are gorgeous beyond belief. They do live in a world where all that is solid melts into air. Look, here is Christy Turlington in a new glossy ad, lovelier than ever The caption reads: "She is always and never the same." This is designed to sell Calvin's fragrance called Contradiction, Geddit? See, Christy changes and yet she is still Christy I cannot wait for his new perfume, which will have a picture of Amber Valleta and the slogan Women? Funny chaps aren't

they?" Gibberish by Calvin Klein. Yet what fascinates us about models is this very unreality. They sell the surface of themselves and we both reward and resent them for that. As Brett Easton Ellis, author of American Psycho, said, "I have very sinister and angry feelings about models, especially the kind of reactions they inspire in people, including myself". It is symptomatic that it takes a controversial novelist to expose the dark side of our fascination, for it is true that models do make a lot of people very angry

We are angry that we do not look like them, that we cannot be them.

We are angry that we cannot have them. We are angry that they are too thin and too stupid to be good role models for our girls. We are angry that they make so much money for doing so little. We are angry that they are part of a business which reduces everything to image. We are angry, when all is said and done, that life is so unfair, that some are born beautiful and some are not. Models undermine the idea that with enough hard work anyone can achieve their dream. Models remind us that whatever we might tell ourselves that it is not enough to be beautiful on the inside. Those most enthralled by models, though, are men. not the likes of Bailey and the superannuated roués he interviewed, but other women. Occasionally Cindy, Naomi and Claudia appear to make a boring car seem more glamorous, but on the whole

that is consumed by women. Where can we read those allimportant interviews with supermodels? Where can we find their top

their business comes from adver-

tising clothes, make-up and perfume

tips for packing light? Where can we find gossip about their fantastic love lives? In women's magazines. To reduce the role of a model, then, to sex objects is not to understand their appeal at all. If younger and younger girls are being consumed by the fashion industry then that is because those who sell make-up to middle-aged women know that it looks best on luminous skin. Indeed, it is women who make many of the key decisions in this industry about what is beautiful and what is not. The business of saturating us with impossible and unrealistic models is the fault of women as much as

Yet while in many fields women are pushing forward, we remain mesmerised by women whose success is entirely dependent on appearance, on being passively objectified, on the stimulation of desire. If the model is the representative of our times it is hecause she releases us from the responsibility of having to see beyond the image: she reflects our own shallowness back to us. No wonder we hate her.

RIGHT OF REPLY

RAJENDRA SHARMA



The medical director of the Hale Clinic, London, responds to criticisms of alternative medicine

THE REPORTING of the death a nine-year-old girl with a brain tumour having used an alternative treatment may not be the whole story. Many tumours don't respond to orthodox therapy, many patients die because of chemo- or radiotherapy. Neurosurgery is very risky. Were the parents advised correctly? Was their decision made because of fear of orthodox treatments?

No reputable practitioner would endorse herbal treat ments for a concer that was potentially treatable such as Hodgkin's disease. So are these examples a problem with the therapy or the therapist? To vilify all alternative practitioners seems premature and unfair - a hit like suggesting all surgeons are incompetent because of the failings of three surgeons

Eastern medicines do contain drugs such as salicylic acid (aspirin) but "undeclared pharmaceuticals" suggests contamination. This is unacceptable hut it is also unavoidable. The proliferation of pesticides may be contammating medication that has for thousands of years been used safely. Blame the practitioner or industry?

Lead poisoning from Indian herbs is possible. However was the patient taking the recommended dose? Most of the 800 million sub-continent herbal users do not have lead poisoning. Such figures must be compared with the 2,000plus deaths that occurred in England from over-thecounter drugs (reported in The Big Issue, summer 1997).

We need constructive advice not scare-mongering by medical journals. It is bappening. The Kings Fund is one example. If we are going to make it all safe, it will take time and we thank the New England Journal of Medicine for helping emphasise the need.

The satyr who became a martyr

O TEMPORA, O mores: or as Bill Clinton would say, "Why wasn't I president 30 years earlier?" The customs of those who occupy high office in America have not greatly changed over the years: infidelity, betrayal and serial philandering seem to be a permanent part of the job description. But the times have. Back then, a Kennedy or a Johnson could sin safe in the knowledge his deeds would be passed over in silence. Today, a few trysts in a corridor off the Oval Office, and 12 months later every last lewd detail is on the Internet, courtesy of a special prosecutor and the US Government printing office.

Which hrings me to Bobby Kennedy, the last of three priapic brothers to get the muckraker's belated treatment. Five years ago, Joe McGinniss did the husiness on Teddy Kennedy in the perfectly awful The Lost Brother. A few months back, Seymour Hersh dispatched JFK more elegantly in The Dark Side of Camelot. Heymann's opus on the most interesting of the and their women. He would be JFK's campaign



FRIDAY POEM

JUDAS BY STANLEY MOSS

Judas, patron saint of bankers

I run an internal revenue service, audit me

For my losses carried forward more than a half century

allow only the last five years as deduction.

Call my write-off for Tuscan travel

and husiness entertainment, mere pleasure trips

There is a difference between writing, rewriting

and cooking the books. Accounting in the dark

I have mortgaged more than my house,

my heart pays usurious interest.

To whom is such a price paid, to what treasury?

Judes, your God with his small coins

of good and evil lends Himself to fictions.

I am in the market for bracelets.

chains, necklaces and rings of illumination

From Stanley Moss's 'Asleep in the Garden, new and selected poems' (Anvil. £9.95). Anvil

celebrates its 30th birthday this autumn. Our poems this week come from its lotest titles

FRIDAY BOOK

RFK: A CANDID BIOGRAPHY BY C DAVID HEYMANN, HEINEMANN, £20

male siblings will earn a place on the shelf of great political lives is dashed before you even open it by the publisher's promise of a book that will make President Clinton look like a choirboy". And amazingly, even after the revelations of the Starr report, the claim is not unreasonable. RFK: A Candid Biography is not for those suffering from scandal-fatigue.

Bobby Kennedy was eight years younger than the assassinated President to whose service he would devote his life. They were each other's best Now it is Bobby's turn. Alas, any hope that David man. They shared their ambitions, their triumphs

manager and closest political consigliere. The purpose of his own run for the White House was to pick up the torch of his fallen brother. As a boy, he was the tough little runt of the litter, so competitive he would throw himself into

> markable transformation occurred. Not that Bobby became soft. But he learnt that most others were less fortunate than himself. The doomed 10-week candidacy of 1968 was nothing so much as a crusade for America's oppressed. Heymann's main concern, sadly, lies elsewhere. For in this prurient and iconoclastic age, what is a Kennedy without his pants down? RFK seems to have been a mite less promiscuous than his elder brother: he did father 11 children by the same woman, to JFK's two. But, if a quar-

ter of the tales recounted here are to be believed.

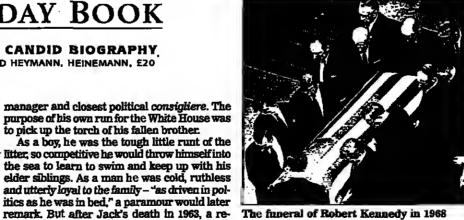
Bobby too made his lecherous old father proud.

And back in those days, no one outside the magic inner circle had an inkling. Some of the claims are breathtaking, Bobby's liaison with Marilyn Monroe is well known. Less well known is his affair with the widowed Jackie Kennedy as well as with a string of other film stars. During the 1968 campaign, an aide allegedly procured him three 15-year-old schoolgirls whom Bobby watched pleasuring each other in his hotel room: "The best present anyone gave me," he is said to have pronounced afterwards.

Rudolf Nureyev. "I saw RFK and Nureyev in a telephone booth," a prima ballerina tells Heymann, "they were kissing passionately." First prize for carnal virtuosity surely goes to Ellen Rometsch, an East German-born socialite who in 1963 was apparently carrying on

And, plunging even deeper into Sixties sexual

liberation, Bobby reputedly had a fling with



The funeral of Robert Kennedy in 1968

simultaneously with the President, the vice-President and the attorney general - an astounding treble that surely deserved better reward than to be sent back to her home country as a security risk by the FBL

Beneath this pile of rutting bodies, an epic story is trapped. Only at the end does it emerge, as Kennedy marches victorious to his own murder in the kitchen of a Los Angeles Hotel, on the night of 4 June 1968, hours after winning the California primary. Ten days earlier, the French writer Romain Gary was in town, predicting to RFK's aides that, "Your guy will be killed... he's too irresistible a temptation to the American paranoiac personality, too rich, too young, too successful." Bobby Kennedy himself brushed off the warning, pointing out that De Gaulle by then had survived half a dozen attempts to kill him. "Luck," he mused. "You can't make it without that old bitch luck."

But such moments are rare. Thirty years have passed since Bobby Kennedy died, long enough to form a balanced judgement of this complicated, driven man. Yet we receive no coherent assessment of the spiritual transformation of RFK, only chunks of indigestible reportage where the prurient usually drives out the profound, and a torrent of quotes from other people expressing their conflicting opinions of RFK. Bobby Kennedy still awaits his biographer.

RUPERT CORNWELL





André Fougeron

ANDRE FOUGERON was the foremost socialist realist painter in France. With an admirable tenacity he maintained his belief in painting's duty to comment on the social injustices of the day, from Third World famine to contemporary police brutality and racism; "De la negritude" was the title of a 1994 exhibition at the Galerie Jacques Barbier

As a very young art historian, I met Andre Fougeron in 1979 while involved with the retrospective exhibition at the Pompidou Centre: "Paris-Paris, Créations en France 1937-1957". This necessarily included coverage of the Occupation years and the socialist realist period in French art by a national institution. Fougeron was the most patient of tutors; his remarkable story was a parable of French cultural history during the post-war and Cold War decades.

Born in 1913, to a working-class family. Fougeron completed primaryschool education and worked as a metallurgist in the Renault factory, among other jobs, before facing unemployment. Like so many autodidact artists who were later to become his comrades-in-arms during the French Communist Party's cultural offensives, Fougeron was welcomed to the "Maison de la Culture". Founded after the riots of February 1934, this was the powerhouse for a united Left front of intellectuals and artists in Paris.

Subsequent to the Stalin-Laval pact of 1935 and no small degree of Comintern involvement with Franco-Soviet relations at the time, it became the forum for the poet Louis Aragon's 1935 lecture published as "Pour un réalisme socialisf" and the famous "realism quarrel" of 1936 (Anthony Blunt assisted as British representative), Fougeron's work at this time was influenced by André Masson, German expressionism and Picasso, for whom he had great admiration; Death and Hunger, Spain, was exhibited at the Salon des Indépendants of 1937, and launched his professional career.

Fougeron joined the Communist Party after the Nazi-Soviet nonaggression pact in 1939, Demobilised, during the Occupation of Paris he became one of the so-called "young painters of the French tradition", his colourful canvases becoming closer to Matisse. Simultaneously he was the driving force behind the Front National des Arts, at the forefront of French intellectual resistance.

He printed clandestine journals including L'Art François and the esco exhibition: "André Fougeron in album of lithographs Vaincre, a collaborative work containing explicit denunciations of Hitler and concentration camps, but also Petain and French collaborationist brutalities. At the Liberation, Fougeron became the force behind epuration in the arts; on the death of the veteran painter Maurice Denis in 1943, Fougeron asked Picasso to become President of the Front National des Arts, and thus nominally responsible for many punishments under the purge programme.
In May 1947, France accepted



Fougeron's three-by-four-metre Transatiantic Civilisation was exhibited in 1953 to huge controversy. The painting marked both his apotheosis and downfall

American aid for reconstruction and the Marshall Plan. In response, Moscow launched a range of cultural initiatives and a concerted programme of socialist realism together with the international peace move-

ment symbolised by Picasso's dove.

At the very moment when the

French Communist Party was required to leave government, its cultural spokesman, Louis Aragon, prefaced an album of Fougeron's drawings, denouncing the international abstraction of the current Uneach one of your drawings the destiny of figurative art . . . the destiny of the world . . . is at stake . . . " Fougeron became the official Communist painter. The Party espoused the "cult of personality": Fougeron's portrait of the Party leader Maurice Thorez's mother was in pure Stalinist tradition. Yet Picasso had joined the Party with great fanfare in December 1944; his line drawings of Thorez, together with contributions from Fernand Leger, for example, lent authority to many Party exhidoctrinaire and painting ranged

Fougeron's painting led the way against the modernists with panache. The colourful Parisians at the Market, 1948, showed poor working class women haggling over fish prices. Over 40,000 people saw the huge canvas Homage to André Houiller, Communist Militant Murdered at the age of 54 . While Flyposting Anti-war Tracts, which dominated the exhibition held in honour of Stalin's 70th birthday in December 1949, prior to its departure among trainloads of birthday presents to the Soviet Union for display at the Pushkin Museum.

While every political move was Moscow-approved, the French Communist Party used revolutionary rhetoric to promote a patriotic image. Fougeron was proud to be appointed as a contemporary Jacques-Louis David in the wake of David's bicentennial retrospective in Paris in 1948 and Party celebrations of the 125th anniversary of his death in 1950.

Fougeron's Mining Country series, exhibited the following year; showed

this notion of a revolutionary French from the amateur to the banal. history painting at its most developed; the characteristic "miserab-

ilism" of socialist realism together with its eschatological dimensions - the dead miner spread out like Holbein's Christ-was curiously combined with the lesson of contemporary. photojournalism. Willy Ronis would later photograph Fougeron's model, a crippled miner, in the same pose as Fougeron's Pensioner of the Mining Country series. While the works of Ronis or Robert Doisneau, skilled reportage

of this series, shown in the chic Galerie Bernheim-Jeune before touring not only the major French mining centres but the capitals of Eastern Europe, have almost all been lost or destroyed.

Fougeron continued to paint disturbing and provocative pictures at a period when Party strategy was to precipitate police intervention and "decrochages" - the taking down of paintings - at official Salons, Subsequently, French Peasants Defend

their Soil and American Occupation of 1953 were violently anti-American. Fougeron tragically miscalculated his value, however, later in 1953 in the wake of Stalin's death. His public rejection of Picasso's obituary portrait of Stalin, a drawing published in Les Lettres Françaises, misfired; the Party realised its modernist painters, Picasso and Leger, were its passport to intellectual rehabilitation.

Transatlantic Civilisation, Fougeron's massive canvas exhibited only once at the Salon d'Automne of 1953, marked both his apotheosis at the time, now have an interna-tional market, Fougeron's paintings and downfall. Louis Aragon now per-formed a hatchet joh; Fougeron formed a hatchet joh; Fougeron tumbled from grace. The Salon was preceded by a retrospective of Mexican mural painting in Paris. The Mexican government had banned the export of Diego Rivera's mural Nightmare of War and Dream of Peace (Stalin and Mao confronting American and British top-hatted capitalists grouped with a baffled, female, Republican France).

Fougeron, working with the same ambition as Rivera or Renato Guttuso in Italy, decided to abandon his

miserabilist palette and adopted the colliding spaces of the muralists. Dominated by the electric chair used to execute the Soviet spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the dialectic between left and right, male and female, good and evil, joy and despair, new life and death rotates around the blue American car that explicitly makes an elision between American capitalism, and the Nazi occupation of France. The American Nato building in Paris is plastered with recruitment posters for the Korean war; French mothers mourn

their dead; pensioners are unhoused while American soldiers lounge in decadent luxury. Yet in a France coming to terms with modernisation. any idea of a Soviet alternative in 1953-54 was risible. While the tergiversations of the Party in the wake of Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin's crimes were yet to come, it was perhaps the very lucidity of Fougeron's exposé at this moment which was intolerable in and outside

the French Communist Party. Fougeron continued to exhibit; canvases on the Algerian war and

Vietnam followed, while his reputation in the Eastern bloc remains undiminished. The photomontage artist John Heartfield welcomed him officially to the Neue Berlinier Galerie in 1968, and Fougeron helped with the organisation of Heartfield's major retrospective in France in 1974. Fougeron, Taslitzky and the socialist realist movement still tended to dominate accounts of postwar European painting written in the Soviet Union by art historians such as Mikhail Lifschitz.

Fougeron's rehabilitation as a historical figure began in 1981. In 1982, besides the veteran Surrealist Roberto Matta, Fougeron was the only living artist to come to see his work in "Aftermath: new images of man, France 1944-1954", which inaugurated the Barbican Art Gallery. Surrounded by colourful paintings by Matisse, Bonnard and Picasso, Fougeron's 1950 painting The Judges (a row of mutilated miners stares out of the canvas, accusing the patrons of industry for their plight) none the less dominated

coverage of the exhibition. Throughout the 1980s Fougeron's work was seen regularly in France and in the Galerie Tonielli in Italy. In 1987 the gallerist Jean-Jacques Dutko gave him a large show whose catalogue reproduced many important early paintings.

During his last 10 years, however, when far less interesting School of Paris painters were granted Grand Palais retrospectives, Fougeron became increasingly frustrated by the fact that he would never see a full retrospective of his own art. The Pompidou Centre's decision not to show Transatlantic Civilisation - even temporarily - during the run of its international art and politics show, "Face à l'histoire 1933-1996", was pusillammous. The highly censored presentation of France's socialist realist period here demonstrated a continuing embarrassment and silence around many uncomfortable memories and issues still very much alive.

Fougeron was painting, drawing and exhibiting, despite severe problems with his vision, until the recent onset of Alzhelmer's disease. His French obituarists are quite wrong to think he is forgotten; a new generation of Anglo-American scholarship is emerging and the artist's granddaughter Lucie Fougeron has been working in the recently opened French Communist Party archives; revelations are forthcoming. Transatlantic Civilisation entered the mythological life of the nation recently in Pascal Quignard's novel L'Occupation Américaine (1994). Fougeron's legacy and importance within cultural studies of France during the post-war and Cold War period rest assured.

SARAH WILSON

André Alfred Fougeron, artist: born Paris 1 October 1913: married Henriette Marécat (died 1992; three sons): died Paris 10 September 1998.

Horace Charles Jones

The Enigma

They say that I'm common a scoundrel a spiv where others will starve they say that I'll live. I steal little babies away from their nurses of course I'm coarse I bloody-well curses – but the one thing they'll not say though by jiminny they know it. 'tis the fact that I am a first-rate Poet.

from The Challenger

of Wales were also among his targets. mainly because he thought they had failed to recognise his talent.

All geniuses are neglected, his argument seemed to run; I am neglected, therefore I am a genius. As for solicitors, magistrates, civil servants, headmasters, bank managers and policemen, he had nothing but bile for them, printing his lampoons at dead of night and circulating them anonymously next day. I once saw him put the witch's hex on someone with whom he disagreed.

Jones had a talent for selfpublicity that was encouraged by some sections of the local press. He was usually to be found standing against a lamp-post in Merthyr's High Street where, for a few hours every day, he would harangue anyone who had the slightest connec-

Wales, BBC Wales and the University tion with the town's public life, from councillors to lollipop ladies. Most ignored him, but some were entertained by his lashing tongue, and a

more outrageous things. He had a huge repertoire of aphorisms, some of which are memorable: "The best place to bury the hatchet is in your enemy's head" is one that has remained with me; "A nation can be great only when it's hungry" is another About 200 such one-liners were published as A Dose of Salts in 1957. Scottish readers who remember the late Oliver Brown or. are familiar with the flyting tradition will recognise the genre.

Jones was brought up at Aber-morlais, a poor district of Merthyr. When he was 13, his father was killed in an accident in a coal-mine and the boy left school soon afterwards to



for refusing to fill in a form prior to work underground. He received little formal education and it showed, the Census of 1971 because it was, particularly in his lack of selfcriticism and his steadfast refusal to few would egg him on to say ever read any modern literature. He once told me that he had been given the name Horace but, thinking it not literary enough, had taken to calling himself Charles after the author of Great Expectations. It was clear to me that he had never heard of the

Latin poet until then. He was often in trouble with the law and with the townspeople of Merthyr. He used to recount with glee how in 1955 he had been escorted from the field of the National Eisteddfod because someone had spotted a mildly satirical remark about that august festival in one of his parnphlets: "An eisteddfod is a cultural circus where everything is Weish except the money." He was also fined

he told the court, "an insidious attempt on my rights as a free man". He carried a homemade knuckleduster as a precaution against being beaten up by the rougher elements of the pubs and cafés he frequented, although I can't help thinking that in such an easy-going place as Merthyr it was hardly necessary, it was, rather, part of his paranoia.

which he cultivated seriously. The theme of personal liberty and the threat of interface by the state recurred in many of his poems, as in "The Jingle" (1971). He was capable of writing a vivid line but too often went in for the worst kind of word-play and usually ruined the meaning with bizarre syntax. Only one or two of his poems are wholly coherent and none has found a

place in any anthology, although municipal patronage ensured that for a while his books were used in Merthyr's schools. Perhaps his most passable poem is "My River", which was inscribed near a path known as Poet's Walk on the bank of the River Taff that runs through the town.

It must be said that, for the most part, what Jones wrote was the worst kind of doggerel, without the genius of a McGonagall or even the charm of an unlettered versifier or the truly comic talent of a Pam Ayres or Spike Milligan. To have suggested as much while he was alive and kicking would have been to incur his disdeasure and a campaign of vilifica-

tion that few were prepared to risk.
If there was a whiff of hrimstone about Jones - someone has said, "Had Satan been a spiv, he would have looked like Jones" - there was also something sad about this venomous man who, with little talent except for controversy believed himself to be a poet, and was encouraged in that belief by people who were re-ally making fun of him. If he had been an innocent rhymester, like the 19thcentury Cockie Poet of Anglesey who believed that Queen Victoria wanted to marry him, it might have been possible to take him seriously. But Jones was marked indelibly by the hatred he felt even for those

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who relished him at his barmiest. He may have been one of the last "characters" of the old Merthyr, that raffish, ramshackle town that was the cradle of the Industrial Revolution. But if so, he also marked its demise and, with his passing, will be missed only from that lamp-post in the High Street.

MEIC STEPHENS

Horace Charles Jones, writer born Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan 6 February 1906; married 1928 Delia Griffin (one daughter): died Merthyr Tydfil 12 September 1998.

THERE IS a living tradition in Wales, and in Ireland and Scotland, of the bardd gwlad - the country poet who is called upon to write verses in celebration of local events such as births, marriages and deaths. His function is to praise, to honour, to make the community feel good about itself, often in verse that is witty and sometimes memorable. Many of his poems are carved on tombstones or committed to memory for generations after the events they celebrate have been virtually forgotten.

The tradition is inextricably bound up with the Welsh language and the status of the poet in Welshspeaking Wales, particularly the rural areas where many can still turn their hand to the writing of verses in cynghanedd - the ancient prosody which Gerard Manley Hopkins called "consonantal chiming". Rarely have there been poets of this kind writing in English and they are rarer still in the industrial areas.

Horace Charles Jones turned all this on its head. He wrote in order to offend, to degrade, to make fun, and to castigate those among whom he lived and who, for one reason or another, had upset him. And he was very easily upset, taking umbrage at the slightest hint of criticism and reserving his most vicious spleen for those who did not share his own high opinion of himself as a poet.

I fell out with him in 1963 when I lived in Merthyr Tydfil, the town where he spent most of his life. I had it in mind, as a fledgling publisher, to bring out a small booklet of my poems, together with a selection by Harri Webb, another Merthyr poet, perhaps two dozen in all. When Jones heard about this he called on me to insist that I include him in the project. I was prepared to consider it until I found that he wanted me to print a hundred of his poems, on an all-or-nothing basis. He would not be tance. The chapels, the Church in

high dudgeon, never to speak to me again. When the booklet eventually appeared, he burned a copy in

bitions where subject matter was

Merthyr's High Street. What had made Jones think he was a great poet was being taken up by Keidrych Rhys, the editor of the prestigious magazine Wales, to whom I had introduced him, and who - in what seemed a temporary lapse of judgement - wrote a fulsome foreword to his first and only hardback collection of verse, The Challenger (1966). With this accolade, he would never again doubt that he was as good as Dylan Thomas. The book was published with the help of a grant from the Merthyr Borough Council Immediately after publication Jones, who always savaged those who tried to help him, took the council to task in the local newspaper for wasting rate-payers' money.

At the time both Harri Webb and I, and Peter Gruffydd, who was to join us as a third contributor to Triad, were active members of Plaid Cymru, and now Jones's animus was extended to the party and all its works. He began denouncing Welsh nationalism and became an inveterate writer of vitriolic letters to the newspapers. Between 1976 and 1985, when Plaid Cymru was in control of the Merthyr Borough Council, he voted with his feet and left Wales for England, returning only when the Labour Party which he detested only a little less warmly, was returned to

He also took against the Welsh Arts Council, perhaps because I had joined its staff in 1967, although I do not recall the Literature Committee ever receiving an application from him for financial support. More likely, his suspicion of all Welsh institutions and the grim satisfaction he gained from attacking them fuelled his sense of his own impor-

Il Duce: a cold-blooded warmonge

As Europe is once more faced with the

Gianfranco Fini and his Alleanza Nazionale

are not really pro-Fascist, it has become

more important than ever to make public

the true nature of Mussolini and Fascism.

Fini, let us not forget, was a one-time

member of the neo-Fascist Movimento

described Mussolini as nne of the great

has also attempted to differentiate the

achievement, and Il Duce's erroneous

decision to ally Italy with Germany after

European statesmen of this century. Fini

Mussolini regime between its period of alleged popular consensus prior to 1938, an era marked by considerable domestic

As we approach the 60th anniversary of

Munich, critically important documentary

Italian archival sources throw new light on

will be interesting to see how Fini and his

explain Mussolini's decision to plan for an

aggressive, expansionist and ideologically

even as he talked of peace with European

politicians. Is it too much to hope that both

camps, faced with such reality, might face

up to truth and pursue more responsible

Robert Mallett is nuthor of The Italian

Navy and Fascist Expansionism: 1935-10'.

which removed bone from the

arches. Indeed, he believes that

her outstanding performances have been achieved running

more on her heels than her toes.

tuitous accident. She returned

to South Africa in mid-May to

celebrate her 21st birthday with

her family. The two Cape farm-

ers, Janie Momberg and Gra-

ham Boonzaier, to whom she

entrusted her affairs after the

traumatic experience of the

1984 Olympics, understood she

They were anxious that she

would be there only 10 days.

did nothing to remind people of

her South African roots. "We'd

always thought that the year of

the 1987 world championships

would be the first time people

thought of her first as British

says Boonzaier. He and Mom-

berg were spectators in Rome

but, in the very hour they were

watching Ingrid Kristiansen

winning the title they had

hoped would be Budd's, she

was running unbeknown to

Budd now sees her future

based in England. She plans to

take an A-level course with the

intention of gaining a place at

Surrey University after next

year's Olympic Games. Her

target is an attempt next March

to win back the world cross-

can regain her place at the top

would do well to consult Deb-

bie Peel, who ran Budd's events

at the 1982 European and Com-

monwealth Games. In Horsham

last Sunday over two miles, Budd

beat her by almost one minute.

From the Sport pages of The

Independent', Friday 18

Women who were ambi-

tious, comic, raunchy, and

sexy were considered bitchy

because they weren't sexy-

cute. Self-destructive sexy

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(Gloria Swanson) or icy-sexy

(Grace Kelly) was all right,

unlike bawdy, comic sexy.

Without this doozie, Sond-

heim would have lacked the

anguish of his best work.

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And any who doubt that she

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Neil Wilson reports on

a clandestine comeback

for the South African-

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and South Africa but in the

end it was a kinesiologist who

in the science of body posture

and balance, diagnosed severe

imbalance, a right foot turning

inwards and striking the

ground closer to the heel than

the toe. Look more closely at old

photographs of her now and you

can see what he saw. She was

he did for me because you have

to see how he works to under-

stand," she says, "but the first

time I went to him, I was bet-

ter. The next day there was no

shoes as a garage clamps

weights to a car's wheels to bal-

ance them. He gave her exer-

cises to strengthen parts of

her and weaken others. "It's not

magic but science," says Budd,

"Just hiomechanics. He found

my hamstring was not the

problem, only a symptom of it."

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both feet when she was 12

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more pain."

Dr Ronald Holder, an expert

effected the remedy.

Frank Cass (£37.50/£18.50)

motivated war alongside Hitler's Germany.

the dictator's roles at the conference. It

Alleanza Nazionale, not to mention the

surviving followers of Renzo De Felice,

revelations currently emerging from

Sociale Italiano (the MSI), and once

rise of right-wing extremism, and Italians

in particular are asked to believe that

POLITICAL NOTES

The true nature of

Mussolini and Fascism

DEPENDING UPON whom one believes, Italy's notorious Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini was either a blustering buffoon

or benign autocrat. Such popular

fascinating figure.

conceptions or misconceptions have

dominated both academic and popular

revisionist school of thought, the late Renzo De Felice, dominated Italian

Felice sought to "explain" the Fascist

biography of Mussolini, and created a

regime enjoyed a widespread popular

consensus within Italy. However, in

never truly been pro-Nazi. Italy, he

insisted, went to war in June 1940 not

refused to arrive at an accommodation

state archives have begun to reveal the realities underpinning Fascism. I have

found abundant evidence that Mussolini

against Britain and France,

actively pursued an alliance with Hitler's

Some may find such notions of cold-

hlooded and calculated warmongering on the part of the Italian dictator difficult to

dictator was that he was "not all that bad

really" - especially when compared to his

trains on time", or that he was, according

to the British historian Denis Mack Smith,

merely a blustering opportunist. But such

Felice, of deliberately misconceived ideas.

At the same time both conceptions have

one thing in common: they are dangerous.

notions are, if anything, the legacy of

poorly conceived, or in the case of De

THE COMPLEX world of Zola

Budd has come full circle. The

girl who arrived in Britain

three years ago under an

assumed name is now back

The motives are the same.

When she flew into Southamp-

ton Airport one wet March

morning in 1984, seeking a pass-

port, she was Miss Hamilton, be-

cause one newspaper wanted to

hide her from others. Now she

is Miss T Davies, by choice, to hide herself from all of them.

At least she was when she ran her first race for more

than a year two weeks ago in

the London Road Runners' Chub's monthly handicap race

in the middle of Hyde Park. And

she was again last Sunday

when she won a two-mile park-

land race in a course record

Now her cover is blown,

Miss T Davies of Guildford

("the sister of a friend of mine")

can have her name back, and

Budd will find another. Only it

will not be Zola Budd, at least

not yet. "I'm not ready to do a

lot of interviews," she says. The

only news that matters is that

she is ready to take her rightful

place again among the world's

best runners after an agonising

year in which she has spent

couch then the running track.

more time on the consulting

have been training without

trouble for three months, and

it's been going well. I'm feeling

much more relaxed and a lot

injury, when it came, was in-

stantaneous. She picked up her

shoes and ran. Literally. She

had been to physintherapists,

osteopaths, clinics and hospi-

STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S

mother was described by

one relation, Myra Berzoff,

as a "doozie", which the

Random House Dictionary

of American Slang terms a

splendid creature. This

was apparently inspired by

the actress Eleonora Duse.

elaborated: the composer's

Ms Berzoff, however,

mother was "the most pre- the beholder.

The cure to her hamstring

stronger."

"Yes, I'm cured," she says. "I

time in Horsham.

running under one.

German counterpart - or that he "made the

believe. The most popular view of the

Germany, and prepared Italy for a "parallel"

war of expansion alongside the Third Reich

Yet since De Felice's demise, Italy's

with Mussolini.

storm when he argued that both man and

justifying Fascism, De Felice denied that Il Duce had ever plotted to wage aggressive

War against Great Britain and France, and

even argued that Fascist diplomacy had

because the regime wanted it to, hut because the leaders of Britain and France

phenomenon in his multi-volume

academic life until his death in 1966. De

opinion in the post-war era, during which Il Duce has remained an enduring and

In Italy itself the official state historians of Mussolini and his regime perennially sought to blot out the more distasteful aspects of both the man and his Fascist movement. The chief architect of this

IT WAS an odd sight. Outside Oslo town

hall one day in November 1996, the

streets were covered in snow Inside,

the main hall was packed with guests,

while up on the podium were the

guests of honour from the distant

country of Guatemala, plus a huge

choir. After the speeches, two stocky

men in their sixties exchanged a warm

embrace. One was in uniform, the

head of the Guatemalan army. The

other, the man who bad been fighting

that same army for over 30 years, was

Ricardo Ramirez, then better known by

The embrace of the two middle-aged

men marked a historic moment. After

several years of hard bargaining, the

Guatemalan authorities - and above all

the army, the eternal powerbrokers in

Guatemala - had finally agreed peace

terms with the guerrilla organisations

of the Guatemalan National Revolu-

lionary Unity, or URNG, of which

Ramirez was one of the leaders and

chief negotiators. All the guests signed

Ricardo Ramirez himself was born

into a military family in Guatemala's sec-

ond city of Quetzaltenango in 1930.

Quetzaltenango was then a conserva-

tive, traditional city in a country where

the majority of the people were still of

obvious Mayan descent, although all po-

litical and economic power belonged to

the smaller number of those of Spanish

origin. Like many before and after him,

Ramirez left the provincial life when he

went to Guatemala City as a student at

the end of the 1940s.

BIRTHS,

MARRIAGES

& DEATHS

BIRTHS

ELLISON-WRIGHT: On Tuesday 15 September: at King's College Hospital, London, to Zoe and lan, a son, Harry Barnaby.

SYNAGOGUE

SERVICES

Details of synagogue ser-

may be obtained by telephon-

ing the following. Sabbath

begins in London at 6.54pm.

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(Masori): 0171-328 1026.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

me Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment pounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; 1st Buttalion Collistream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Paince, 11 30nm.

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-

vices to be held tomorrow

English - "Amazing Grace".

his nom de guerre Rolando Moran,

Ramirez, centre, with his fellow former guerrilla leaders Ricardo Rosales, alias Carlos Gonzales, left, and Jorge Soto, alias Pablo Monsan, celebrate the signing of the first joint directive for the political organisation of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity in June 1997

Ricardo Ramirez

rebel organisations into the UNRG in to pursue their goals of social change

and justice through legal and political

means, and put down their arms for good.

triumphant conclusion on 28 December

1996 when Ramirez and the other guer-

rilla leaders were given an ecstatic re-

ception as they finally returned legally

to their country for the signing of a com-

plete peace accord. Among its main

points, the treaty gave the estimated

5,000 guerrillas an amnesty, set out plans

greatly to reduce the size and power of

the army, and promised respect and au-

tonomy for the Mayan Indian groups.

Ramirez was one of those who was

careful to say that the signing of the

peace agreement was not an end hut a

beginning. He threw himself into the

task of reorganising his guerrillas as a

political party, becoming secretary gen-

eral of what was now the Guatemalan

National Revolutionary Union, and was

busy organising its campaign for elec-

tions next year when he became ill and

died of heart failure after an operation.

Kofi Annan, who met Ramirez during a

trip to Guatemala in July, was among

those who praised the way this veteran

guerrilla leader had wholeheartedly

given himself over to the task of bring-

ing a meaningful peace to Guatemala.

Ricardo Ramirez de León, guerrilla

fighter and politician born Quetzal-

tenango, Guatemala 29 December

1930, married Maria del Carmen Flo-

res Rodriguez (three sons); died

DINNERS

Tobacco Pipe Makers'

Company

presided.

and Tobacco Blenders'

panied by the Lady May-

oress, Lady Nichols, the

Dinner held yesterday

The Lord Mayor of London,

Sir Richard Nichols, accom-

Sheriffs, their Ladies and the

Common Cryer and Serjeant

at Arms, attended a Ladies

evening by the Worshipful

Company of Tobacco Pipe

Ironmongers' Hall, London

EC2. Mr Simon Orlik, Master,

GLAZIERS'

COMPANY

The Election Court of the

evening at Glaziers' Hall,

ensuing year:

London SE1. The following

officers were elected for the

Master, Mr G.D. Cracknell; Upper Wur-den, Mr BR. Batchelor; Renter Warden, Mr R.A. Stone.

The St Matthew's Day Quar-

ter Court Dinner was held

afterwards, Mr G.C. Bond,

Winterton MP Upper Bailiff

were the speakers. Sir Brian

Master, and Mr Nicholas

of the Weavers' Company.

Pearse also attended.

Glaziers was held yesterday

Worshipful Company of

Makers and Blenders at

Guatemala City 10 September 1998.

NICK CAISTOR

United Nations Secretary General

The peace process was brought to a

1982. But the Guatemalan army was en-

trenched in power, and employed ruth-

less tactics against the guerrillas and

any suspected sympathisers. An esti-

mated 120,000 people were killed in this

civil war, most of them in the 1980s, when

the armed forces turned the Guatem-

alan countryside into a vast war zone.

razing villages, rounding up the poor Mayan farmers, and forcing hundreds

Although this ferocity guaranteed an

influx of new members to its ranks, the

guerrilla forces were unable to counter-

attack effectively, and unlike in neigh-bouring El Salvador they never seemed

likely to topple the state. The Guatem-

alan army was in fact convinced that it

had won the war, and that there was no

need to talk peace with an enemy that

The end of the 1980s saw a return to

civilian government in Guatemala for

the first time in many years. In this new

climate, peace talks with the guerrillas

a prominent role. Between 1991 and

1996, he, other guerrilla representatives

and government officials went painstak-

ingly through a list of more than 30 areas

which they felt needed to be considered

to make any peace in Guatemala

Much of this work was done in Nor-

way, which explained Ramirez's pres-

ence in Oslo that November day for the

signing of the first chapters of the final

peace agreement. On that occasion, he

gave a speech in which he recognised

that it was now time for the guerrillas

defeat upon the Royalists,

Montgomery, 1644; the Anti-Corn Law League was estab-

was first published. 1851; the

received Royal Assent, 1914;

the Soviet Union was admit-

1934; following continual

interruption of newspaper

ciation announced that all

production by the NGA, the

Newspaper Publishers Asso-

national newspapers in Lon-

don and Manchester would

Today is the Feast Day of St

Ferreolus of Vienne, St John

Massias, St Joseph of Cuper-

LECTURES

Griffith, "Back to School (ii):

Museum: Catherine Spence,

tino. St Methodius of Olym-

pus and St Richardis.

National Gallery: Mari

Chardin, The Young

Schoolmistress", 1pm.

Victoria and Albert

"Portrait of Mrs Luke

Collection", 2pm.

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Tate Gallery: Catherine

new social art?", 1pm.

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Ferreolus of Limoges, St

be closed down on the

following day, 1971.

ted to the League of Nations.

lished by Richard Cobden.

1838; the New York Times

Irish Home Rule Bill

effective and long-lasting.

GAZETTE

Wedderburn, former Princi-

Bedford College, London, 73.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Gilbert Burnet, Bish-

op of Salisbury and writer,

1643: Dr Samuel Johnson.

lexicographer and writer,

1709: Anton Mauve, landscape painter, 1838; Sir Owen

Seaman, poet and editor of

Punch, 1861; Fay Compton

(Virginia Lilian Emeline

Compton), actress, 1894;

statesman, 1895; Greta

Garbo (Greta Lovisa

John George Diefenbaker,

Gustafsson), actress, 1905;

Deaths: Domitian, Roman

emperor, murdered 96,

Rossano Brazzi, actor, 1916.

Hubert (Huybrecht) van Eyck,

painter, 1426; Robert Pollok.

Joseph Locke, railway engi-

neer, 1860; Dion Boucicault

(Dionysius Lardner Bour-

1890; George MacDonald,

poet and novelist, 1905; Dr

Dag Hammarskjöld, UN

physicist, 1951.

siquot), playwright and actor,

secretary-general, 1961; Sean

O'Casey, playwright, 1964; Sir John Douglas Cockcroft,

On this day: Parliamentary

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troops inflicted a severe

poet, 1827; William Hazlitt.

critic and essayist, 1830;

pal of Royal Holloway and

of thousands into exile.

had been crushed.

In the capital, he soon became involved in student politics, at a time when

the reforming president Jacobo Arbenz

was challenging the structures in a so-

ciety still dominated by a small elite, Ar-

benz was deposed with CIA help in 1954,

and from then on Guatemalan society

became increasingly at odds with itself.

began to work in trade unions, but by

the end of the 1950s he was seeking

more radical changes. In 1962 he helped

found the Rebel Armed Farces or FAR,

the first organised guerrilla group in

Guatemala. From then on, his life be-

came one of clandestine struggle, often

many different countries - Czechoslo-

vakia, where many Latin American

revolutionaries went for training, Cuba,

Argentina, where he was briefly impris-

oned for his guerrilla activities, but above

all Mexico. This country, which borders

on Guatemala, was for many years a safe

haven for guerrilla fighters from all over

In Guatemala meanwhile, four dif-

ferent guerrilla groups had grown up.

In 1971 Ramirez helped found one of them, the EGP or Guatemalan Army of

the Poor. The EGP became the largest

guerrilla group, attracting more recruits because its message was directed main-

ly at the poor and discriminated-against

Mayan Indians, who continued to suffer

bme their efforts. Ramirez was instru-

BIRTHDAYS

Lord Ackner, a former Lord

of Appeal in Ordinary, 78; Mr

Ray Alan, ventriloquist, 68;

Mr Geoff Baxter, jockey, 52; Mr Anthony Beadles, Head-

master, Epsom College, 58; Mr Jack Cardiff, film direc-

former chairman, Allied Irish

count Eccles, former MP, 94;

Mr Robin Fleming, chair-

man, Robert Fleming Invest-

ment Trust, 66; Sir Thomas

Hetherington QC, former

Director of Public Prosecu-

former diplomat, 76; Sir

Northern Ireland, 49; Mr

Professor Christopher

tions, 72; Sir Curtis Keeble,

David Latham, High Court judge, 56; Dr Mo Mowlam MP, Secretary of State for

Derek Pringle, cricketer, 40;

Ricks, Professor in the Core

Earlsferry QC, Lord Justice

General and Lord President

of the Court of Session, 54;

Rowlands, former Keeper,

Department of Prints and

67; Mr Jorge Sampaio,

Drawings, British Museum,

President of Portugal, 59; Mr

Peter Shilton, footballer, 49;

pal, Sheffield Hallam Univer-

sity, 60; Professor Dorothy

Mr John Stoddart, Princi-

Mr John Kendall

Curriculum, Boston Univer-

sity, 65; Lord Rodger of

tor, 84; Mr Niall Crowley,

Banks, 72; Mr Winston

Davis, cricketer, 40; Vis-

mental in bringing the four different

Realising that they needed to com-

whoever was in power in Guatemala.

Ramirez's case, a second home.

Throughout the 1960s, he lived in

carried out from abroad.

After university studies, Ramirez



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The Russian multi-billionaire Boris Berezovsky has turned his back on Yeltsin and is calling on him to go. By Anne McElvoy

Boris, the Kremlin's kingmaker

oris Berezovsky, maker and breaker of Russia's leaders. the multi-billionaire they call Rasputin because his grip on the Kremlin is so mysteriously strong, has just walked through my front door. I told the office not to expect me hecause I had a Russian oligarch coming round for tea. Eventually, they believed me.

He is in London for one day, a trip intended to explain himself at a time when he is heing blamed for kicking loose the political avalanche in Russia. There is certainly some explaining to do. In the past three weeks, he engineered the ousting of a reformist prime minister from power, and brought back the stolid previous incumbent, Viktor Chernomyrdin, who then failed to win parliament's backing. This further undermined Boris Yeltsin's fragile credibility - the same Yeltsin to whom Berezovsky has been advisor, financier and fixer for two years.

The net result is more economic gloom and the flag of reform - at half mast for some time - in tatters. Berezovsky is clearly worried about the turmoil in Moscow, a kind of turmoil too great for even him to control. He wants to meet in a private place. We decide on my house. "That's a good idea," says his PR brightly. "He doesn't want to be too grand." Later, she calls back and asks whether it is at least grand enough the accommodate "the entourage". In Russia, Berezovsky has a personal security force rumoured to be more than 100-strong. Four years ago, a bomb planted beside his car killed his driver. Today he is travelling light, just a chauffeur, a bulky "companion", an interpreter who is scouring the hall cupboard in a vain attempt to find a clothes brush

Here was a head of the Russian government effectively appointed by the country's most influential businessman

and the PR representative. Our guest is late, the tea is getting cold and everyone

A very large, very bullet proof Mercedes pulls up and disgorges the sort of small man invariably described as dapper. A few strands of dark hair are pulled across his forehead. His suit is navy and his tie Hermes. He takes no notice of his surroundings at all, walks straight into the room, declines the tea and gazes at me anticipating the first question.

"Before, I thought that Chernomyrdin would be the man to stabilise the situation in Russia," he says. "But he turned out to be weak. In five years in power, so many debts unpaid to the workers, government debts - he became stale in office. It turned out that he could not really do anything for

It is less than a month since Berezovsky accompanied Chernomyrdin back into the prime minister's office in the Russian parliament. The symbolism was obvious for all to see - here was a head of the Russian government effectively appointed by the country's most influential husinessman. A hostile newspaper printed the sardonic headline, "Berezovsky is now our Presi-

It seemed like the final triumph for the most prominent of Russia's oligarchs - the ultimate confluence of power and money which has been the sad leitmotif of the country's post-Communist attempt at capitalism. But his grip on the levers of power has been weakened by the defeat of Chernomyrdin in two votes. Yeltsin did not risk

The power of the Communists in the parliament and the revival of pre-Yeltsin figures such as the Central Bank chairman Viktor Geraschenko, known in the international finance community as "the world's worst central banker", and the appointment of the former Soviet planning chief as the economics guru, are unsettling for Russia's tycoons. This is not the way things were supposed to work out. They wanted to get rid of the liberal reformers who believed that the only hope for Russia's fledgling capitalism was to cut the Gordian knot which tied the oligarchs so tightly into power structures in Russia. But having heaved out their enemies, they lost

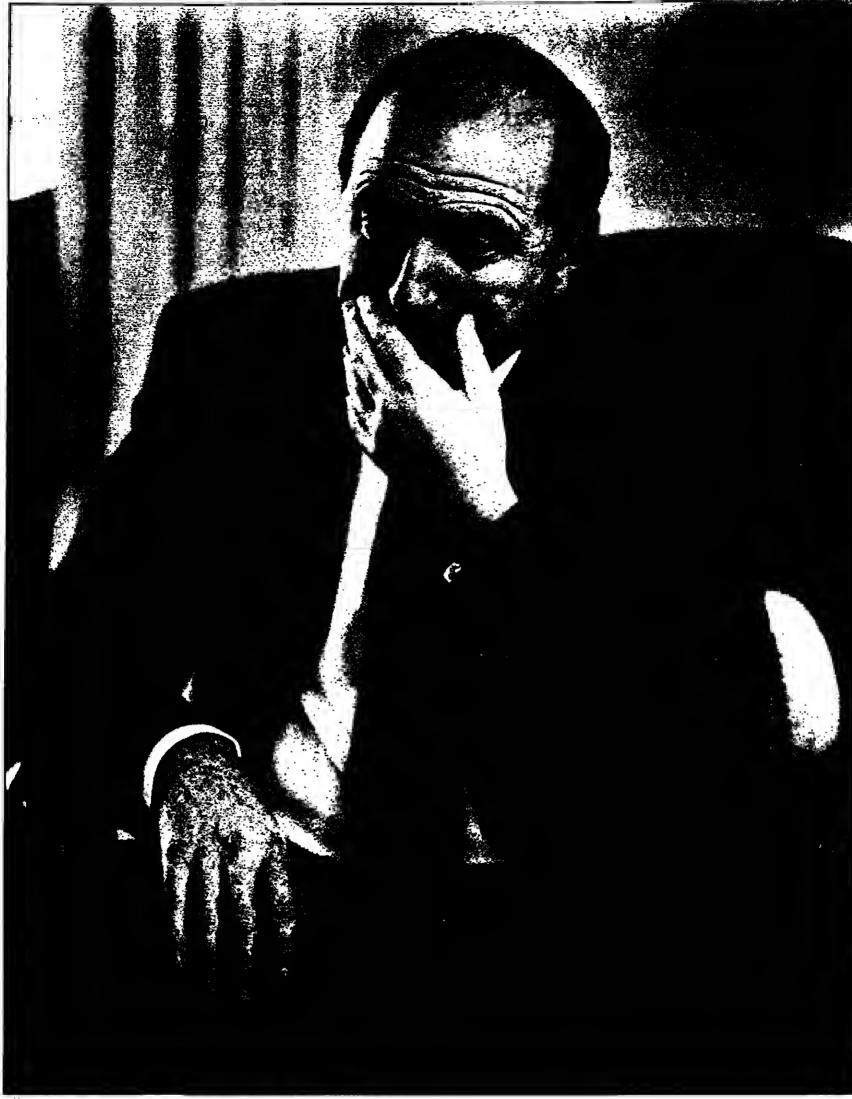
control of what followed. "I don't think I lost the battle," says Berezovsky. "When he [Chernomyrdin] was reappointed, he did not act as he should. It was a mistake to compromise with the duma [the Russian parliament] about the economic situation [Chernomyrdin sought to gain the support of the Communists by promising 'economic dictatorship']. He showed weakness. I can't

support a weak position. Chernomyrdin has used up his abilities. Primakov is the better solution for the problem. He has wide backing."

On the subject of Yevgeny Primakov, who rose under Gorbachev in the foreign affairs apparat and became head of the intelligence services under Yeltsin after the postcoup KGB spring-clean - and who is no natural ally of the oligarchs - Mr Bere- munists and Nationalists in the 1996 eleczovsky seems ill at ease at the prospect of tion. The American-style campaign, with

a prime minister he did not make himself. "I realised, after giving it some thought, that he was the best candidate for the post. It's a brave decision. But I don't think that Primakov and his cabinet have any idea

how to move forward." What are the chances of any continua- of the powerful Security Council, from



Boris Berezovsky: 'It's a question now of stopping Russia collapsing completely'

tion of reform under Primakov? "Primakov is not a reformer. But he is no supporter of the left either. It is not a question of that. It's a question now of stopping Russia collapsing completely. Maybe there will be reforms again, but only in three, four, five years." Later he adds: "The trouble with people in power is that they are not certain which path to take. They don't know

whether to go backward or forward.* There is a peculiar hlankness about his manner a phenomenal concentration with no extraneous gestures. He stares straight at me, unwavering as if into a camera lens. There is a formidable intelligence in there, but also a vast coldness. His private life is kept secret. Two of his daughters have studied at Cambridge. There may be four other children and a total of three marriages. He has a villa in Cap Ferrat - where the decision was taken to attempt the reappointment of Chernomyrdin - a mansion in central Moscow and the obligatory hixury dacha.

I ask him about Yeltsin's position. "If Yeltsin cannot be a strong power as president, he should leave office."

Is this a call for the president's resignation? "Today I tell you that this power is no longer there and that Boris Nikoleyevich should go. He should go now."

This is his final and absolute abandonment of Yeltsin and not only Boris, but the president's family and in particular, his daughter and adviser, Tatiana Dyanchenko, to whom be was so close that they were rumoured to be lovers. Together, Dyanchenko and Berezovsky gave Boris Yeltsin the greatest makeover in election history to ensure that be defeated the Comrock concerts and advertising campaigns, saved Yeltsin's neck, although it brought on two heart attacks. After the elections, Berezovsky effectively took control of an unhealthy and increasingly confused president, who appointed him deputy secretary where he has built up what one western intelligence source calls "a private KGB, but more efficient" with access to the

secrets of his rivals. "You were very close to Yeltsin," I say, "But now you desert him. Isn't it a be-

trayal?"
"You are making a mistake," Berezovsky replies, unblinking. "I was not sup-

The combination of Primakov, rooted in the shadowy world between foreign policy and intelligence and Lebed, an authoritarian military figure whose attachment to democracy is questionable, is a sorry end to Russia's first attempt to join liberal capitalist democracies:

harsh decisions, stringently controlled

from the centre."



'If Yeltsin cannot be a strong power as president, he should leave office. This power is no longer there and Boris Nikoleyevich should go. He should go now'

the office of the presidency and the reforms. He has used up his abilities." That phrase again. A friend in need is

not Boris Berezovsky. Who should replace Yeltsin?

"There are only two strong men. Aleksandr Lebed (the former general and

"But Primakov will have to go if Lebed is prime minister," replies Berezovsky. So the new prime minister is a transitional

figure? "Yes, I think so." If Primakov sees things differently - and serving prime ministers tend to - Russia is in for another bitter power struggle, the

alises that you need tough and sometimes is the intelligence services and the state

Earlier this year, Yeltsin, in a brief period of vigour, chafed at what one aide called "Berezovsky's too-warm embrace" and threatened to banish him from the country. But he had not the nerve to disperise with Berezovsky - or perhaps feared

the consequences. Instead, Yeltsin appointed him deputy secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), a post which gave the businessman unlimited access to the heads of state of the former Soviet Republics. He has a lot to offer heads of state facing re-election in the next two years: not least the support of Russian Public Television, which broadcasts across the former USSR. In return, there are state budgets to service, privatisations to run and oil deals to exploit.

Should Primakov strip him of this role in order to assert his own authority, a huge and possibly violent struggle will ensue. On the top of his hand-written notes, I see that item number one is the CIS.

He makes and breaks his friends with an unembarrassed, sociopathic ruthlessness. Was it always like this? Berezovsky started out as an academic, a highly respected mathematician. He took his doctorate in 1984 in applied mathematics - the theory of optimisation and decision making, naturally. His CV is written with Soviet-era dedication to "membership of several international scientific societies"

and "over a hundred scientific papers". But it was the end of the Soviet Union which made him. As one of the sharpest "red managers" in the car industry, he recognised the potential in exploiting the difference between set state prices for cars intended for export and what they could command on the market at home.

Berezovsky set up an auto dealership called Logovaz which has evolved into a adventures of Russia's oligarchs, beyond buy, buy, buy. He has ended up with parts of Aeroflot (profits from foreign ticket sales are said to end up in a Swiss outlet in which he is a shareholder), Russian International Aidinar the research ternational Airlines, the newspaper Neznvisimaya Gazeta as well as Russian Public Television (ORT). Considered to be the major shareholder in the oil firm Simeft, he has never confirmed involvement. "Poke a stick into a Russian company at random and you'll find Berezovsky at the end of it," says one investigative journalist in Moscow.

How all this happened is obscure. Berezovsky offers no account, plausible or otherwise, of how he ended up with a business and finance empire valued at £1.8bn. Asked to declare his personal earnings recently, he claimed an income of less than £30,000.

Boris Nemtsov, the brightest of the young reformers brought lato the Kremlin last year by Yeltsin, has said that Berezovsky is at the heart of a "demented warped, irresponsible capitalism - they don't pay their workers and they don't pay their taxes."

At the mention of Nemtsov's name, Berezovsky shows his first sign of irritation. "I pay my taxes like everybody else. I personally asked him to take up the post. but be was unfit for it. The reformers used up their abilities. They had to be discarded. Nemtsov never had any real influence and now he's got even less.

But the source of so many of Russia's troubles is the unrestrained rise of a class of men sharp enough to use the end of the Soviet Union to amass a small fortune and ruthless enough to turn it, in the swiri of unregulated privatisation, into large fortunes which they have since used to swal-

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low up an immature political elite. Armed with wealth, they bought power which, in a country where business dealings are opaque and often dangerous, brought them more wealth. Markets are rigged, officials corrupt. In Russia, money smells worse than elsewhere. As Mikhail Khodorkovsky, a business partner of Berezovsky's, puts it "Politics is the most lucrative field of business in Russia and always will be."

How could any society and economy develop healthily in these circumstances? Berezovsky waves away the question. "Why do people insist on describing me as if I were some dark force?" he says. "Nemtsov has deceived and misled people. The difficulties of Russia cannot be blamed on the oligarchs. Our interests are Russia's interests. If you want people to pay taxes, you must give them a government they trust. Otherwise, they don't believe they are getting anything for their money." It is not clear how he expects a government without revenue from the country's wealthiest businesses to operate at all, let alone gain the public's trust.

He is anxious about his reputation. Accused by Forbes magazine of involvement in the murder of the television journalist Vladislav Listiev during a savage battle for control of the main ORT channel, be sued for damages, using Peter Carter-Ruck as his lawyer. The case was deemed to be out-Tom Pilston side the jurisdiction of the British courts.

Berezovsky was questioned about the murder which, like most contract killings in the Russian business underworld, has never been resolved. Suddenly, stricken with the awful self-consciousness of asking someone sitting in the armchair opposite whether he is responsible for a murder my Russian comes out in a hasty jumble; as if I had a guilty conscient. Berezovsky's companion starts to walker

But the tycoon is still calm, his hands folded. He answers in exactly the same rapid monotone as if I had enquired after the fate of his stocks. "It was a political killing. The case was not properly investigated. They hushed it up. What does that tell you? People were trying to get hold of the company - to blame it on me to under-mine my position. People involved in the Kremlin power struggles are the ones who should be investigated. But it hasn't

These are uncertain times for the nation's leading businessmen. The networks which brought them to power a now in vicious competition with one other. The Yeltsin years are drawing to a close. The fight for the future has begin. But it is the future of the past. Late Communist Russia reborn: a doomed attempt to turn back the clock to central plans and controls. Berezovsky has no intention of being turned back with it. He is telling us that he has both the money and the stomach for a fight.

In his dealings with Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin, be is said to have presented them with sheets of paper on which he had doodles squares. Inside the squares, ha would write the names of people he wanted appointed to government and top economic posts. The next day, Tass would carry news of the appointments.

When he is gone, I notice that he has left two pieces of paper behind. On the first is the checklist of topics and names. On the second he has drawn three large squared one at the top, two underneath, with a dor inside each. There are no names inside.

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fight between the Berezovsky-backed mammoth conglomerate described only as governor of Krasnoyarsk) and Yuri Luzhkov (mayor of Moscow). "To my mind. "a major financial and industrial group". Lebed, whose core support is in the armed forces, and Primakov, whose power base Lebed is the man for Russia. Lebed re-There is little obvious strategy behind the By Anne McEho

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What's the second biggest threat to the planet? Man introducing rampant species to new parts of the world. By Steve Connor

Some creatures should stay at home

hey are alien invaders without any rights of abode. They are more successful, more vigorous and ultimately more deadly than their native cousins. And they are now the second most important reason why the world is losing species at an unprecedented rate. The problem of alien animals and plants - introduced by humans to parts of the globe where they would never normally go - has become one of the most important causes of the crisis in biodiversity at the end of the 20th century.

One scientist has likened the biological era we are living through as the "Homogecene". The rich biodiversity of the Earth is being homogenised by the movement and replacement of animals and plants from one area into another. As they become established, they quickly decimate the native flora and fauna, In simple Darwinian terms, it is the survival of the fittest.

Professor Morris Gosling, a mammalian ecologist at the Zoological Society of London, explained what is at stake at last week's British Association science festival in Cardiff: "The natural world is the end product of a complex and wonderful process of evolution and that has produced a rich biodiversity. What's happening is that we are replacing that biodiversity with a smaller number of invading species." The haphazard introduction of non-native species is now running a close sectats as the primary cause of species extinction, he added.

Sometimes the introductions are accidental, sometimes deliberate. Occasionally, a species is brought in to destroy a pest but becomes a pest itself. Some aliens eat the native residents, others bring nasty diseases with them. A few - notably the ruddy duck - are just too sexually vigorous. But what they all have in common is that they do not fit in to stable ecosystems, evolved for hundreds of thousands of years without them.

"The rate of invasion is directly correlated with the movement of people around the planet," Professor Gosling said. As people move from one place to another, then so do other living things that hitch a ride. Between 1985 and 1996, American customs officials intercepted about 5,600 different species of insect pests on freight destined to be imported into the US. Ships also carry large numbers of aliens from one part of the world to another. "Ships take on water as ballast, go to another part of the world and just expel it," Professor Gosling said.

Ballast water contains eggs and microscopic organisms. One of the earliest examples of this ship-borne invasion stems back to the 1860s when ships coming from American waters expelled their ballast water into the Mediterranean and unwittingly introduced a deadly fungus which has decimated the native crayfish population.



To make matters worse, the American signal crayfish (which was immune to the fungus) was introduced to replace its European cousin. In the 1970s, with government hlessing, fish farmers in Britain were encouraged to cultivate the American crayfish, but it soon became a rampaging menace. "It not only kills the native crayfish. It also destroys the freshwater environment because it eats anything else it comes into contact with. It also burrows into river banks and destroys them in the process," said David Holditch of Nottingham University.

One of the best-known examples of a species that is totally inappropriate for anywhere but its native homeland is the American mink. Nobody knows the true numbers of introduced mink in Britain but the experts believe its presence poses a genuine threat to virtually every small mammal and bird it comes across, most notably the British water vole.

on the American mink at Oxford University, said: "They are such an

species. They are a triumph of adaptability, being one of the most successful mammalian carnivores." Unfortunately, this does not help the British water vole, which has adapt-

amazingly vigorous and competitive

Hedgehogs are perhaps the most docile animals imaginable yet they are helping to wipe out seabirds

ed to running away from predators that could neither swim nor fit into its narrow burrow. American mink can do both.

American mink first escaped into David MacDonald, a specialist Britain from for farms in the 1920s and since then have established a formidable beachhead for a complete invasion of the countryside. Their destructive influence has, however, become far worse in recent years due to the continued loss of wild habitats.

"The impact of the mink on native species may have been exacerbated by generally disadvantageous things. The habitat bordering our rivers has been eroded to a tiny little ribbon in which everything is confined: everything is dangling on this little tightrope. The mink simply travels along it and bangs off the native prey" Dr MacDonald said.

Aggressive carnivores are not the only problem facing the beleaguered scientists trying to fend off the invasion force of non-native species. Hedgehogs are perhaps the most docile animals imaginable yet they are helping to wipe out important colonies of ground-nesting seabirds living on the remote islands of the Outer Hebrides. In the 1970s, just seven were introduced by well-meaning residents as garden pets. Nearly 30 years later, they have expanded to an estimated population of 10,000. Digger Jackson of the Royal So-

ciety for the Protection of Birds

said that seabird populations have declined by up to 70 per cent since the hedgehogs arrived, the spiny creatures eating the eggs. The hedgehog population, meanwhile, is aided by fewer predators (and even fewer cars) than on the mainland. They have also formed an unholy alliance with another invader, the rab-

bit, which conveniently digs the

holes in which the hedgehogs live. Trying to tackle the growth of an alien species frequently means introducing another species to attack them. Most of these work, according to Sean Murphy of CABI bioscience, a consultancy specialising in the biological control of pests. "The record is that there have been more than 5,000 introductions of agents against insect pests worldwide and 1,000 introductions against weed pests worldwide, and that record has been extremely good now there is an international code for the introductions

of biological control agents." This has not always been the case, however. One of the worst examples is the introduction of a predatory snail called Euglandina into the

Polynesian islands, which were threatened with being overrun by another introduced species, the giant African snail. Unfortunately, Eug-landina ignored the African snail and made straight for the native Partula snails. The 117 different species of Partula are now under threat of being wiped out. "The snail story is a bad example of biological control," Dr Murphy said.

Each example of alien invasion requires its own unique remedy. Morris Gosling believes, for instance, that it is possible to eradicate American mink, providing someone is prepared to pay the estimated cost of £30 million. Professor Gosling, who spearheaded the successful eradication of the coypu from East Anglia in the 1980s, said the political will to act is critical to the success of dealing with the growing problem of aliens from abroad. Above all, it is important to provide incentives to those engaged in the eradication programmes. As he says: "There is the central paradox in pest control: pest control organisations don't stay in business by eradicating the pests.'

THE TRUTH ABOUT... EXTRATERRESTRIALS AND THE 'HYDROGEN BAND

EARLIER THIS week the SETI Institute began another project in its search for extraterrestrial intelligence (from which it derives its name). Project Phoenix, so-called because it "rises from the ashes of [US] Congressional funding cuts", will run for three years and use the world's largest radio telescopes, including those at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, to listen for signs of radio frequencies originating from near-

The project will listen in a specific frequency range - 1,000MHz to 3.000MHz, in the microwave part of the electromagnetic spectrum - for signals that might be artificially produced. The system will be able to search in steps of 1Hz.

a signal is "artificial", one might ask: why those frequencies particularly? If ET wants to let us know that he, she or it is out there, why not any arbitrarily-chosen frequency?

It turns out that there's a very good reason. Within the microwave band is a particular frequency, 1,420MHz (equivalent to a wavelength of 21 centimetres). Known as from nearby stars. the "hydrogen band", it corresponds to the energy of a photon emitted That happens when the atom's spectrum. This also helps by maksingle electron spontaneously flips ing faint signals easier to pick out. breathers, we should use oxygen.) so that its spin value is the opposite As Professor Drake says: "Every But the SETI logic does at least

Quite apart from the question of atom's nucleus. The spin-flip tran-traterrestrial ones-will know about how they might determine whether sition is chosen because it is the this hydrogen emission. It may serve most common transition for an atom as a universal 'marker' on the radio of free hydrogen, and that is the most dial. Consequently, it makes sense to plentiful element in the universe. For use this, or nearby frequencies, for that reason, 1420MHz was first sug-gested as a channel for interstellar "Signals originating from outer

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communication in 1959; the very next space will be checked for signs of enyear, Frank Drake, now head of coding, or being limited in band-SETI, set up an experiment looking width, which is a sure sign that the signal is being carefully controlled.

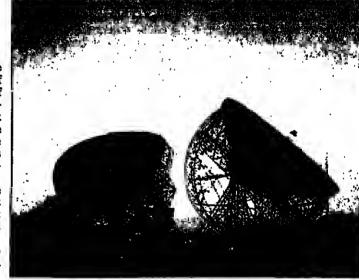
Some critics have suggested that Furthermore, there is relatively this approach is too limited, and inlittle background static from galax- sisted that other frequencies - refrom a hydrogen atom when it un-dergoes the "spin-flip" transition. makers in the microwave part of the emission spectrum – should be used instead. (Perhaps, as oxygen

of that of the single proton in the radio astronomer - including ex- mean that we will find minds that

think like ours, and which know the basics, such as the composition of the universe, the composition of atoms, and how to huild radio transmitters. That certainly covers a lot of physics, only some of which (the transmitters) was feasible before this century, even though humans have been walking the Earth for milhons of years.

SETI and similar projects have never found any confirmed contact from the stars, but perhaps it's just because our alien counterparts are still in their equivalent of Victorian times; statistically, there are so many stars that intelligent life must be out there somewhere. Mean-

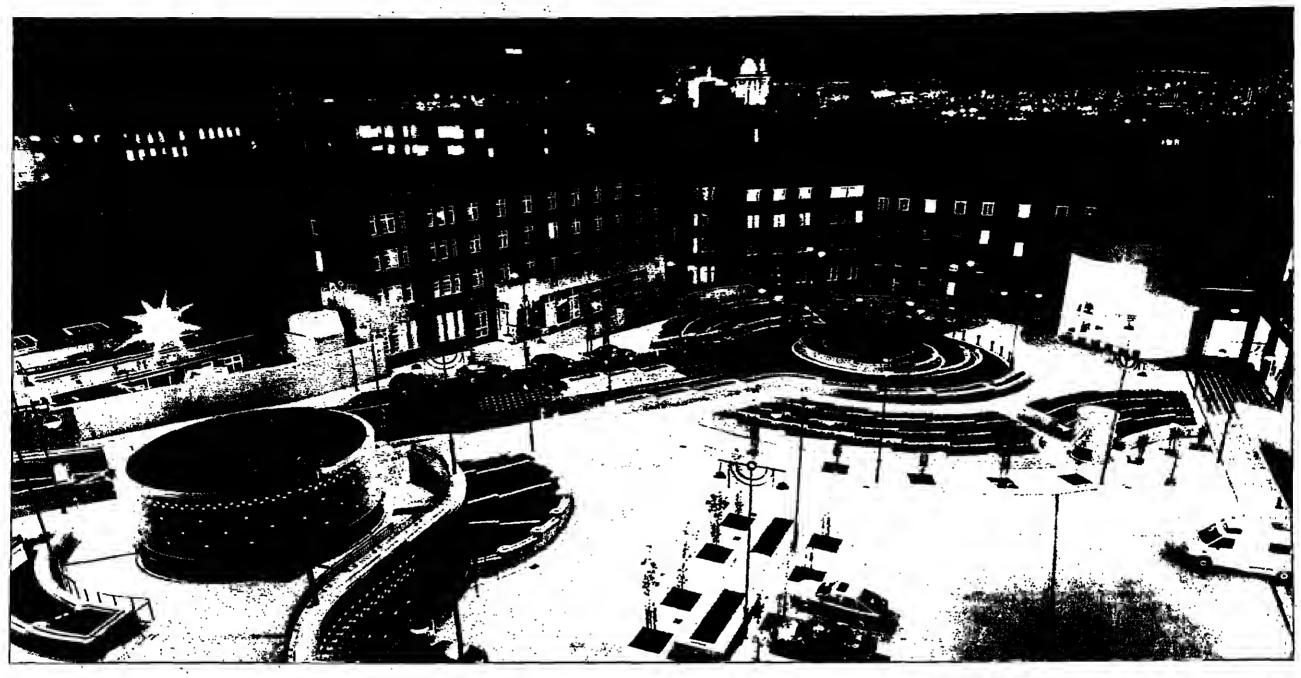
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Tess Jaray's spectacular brick design outside Leeds General Infirmary is a fantastic example of how successful art in public spaces can be. But now that the Arts Council's lottery funding has been capped, how much more of it will we see? By Nonie Niesewand

Gilbert Scott and the new wing by Llewelyn-Davies. Swirling with pattern and movement, the Jubilee Square really is cause for jubilation. It puts a spring in the step.

Tess Jaray, the painter and head of postgraduate studies at the Slade, who created this bold composition in brickwork, illustrates the magic and calming power of pattern on a scale that I hesitate to call breathtaking, since it was designed for people who have run out of puff somewhat. Still, it is a fitting memorial to the Arts Council, who awarded £700,000 lottery money back in 1995 to get art off its pedestal and into "place making".

Today, the Arts Council, winded, crippled, gasping for breath, could never pull off that sort of artistic commission. Applications to the Arts Council for lottery funding have been capped by £100,000 until a new approach to capital funding with the Regional Arts Boards can be agreed. Tess Jaray couldn't even pave an alleyway in Spitalfields with that sort of petty cash.

The new £90m Leeds General Infirmary marks the end of the pale-blue and buff cruciform design she calls it "male knitting".

main element is the new Jubilee Gilbert Scott hospital with their own entrance. The entrance is "as welcoming as a hotel foyer", the project architect Ken Cook says optimistically. More accustomed to working around fibre optic and laser technology with the men and women in white coats than artists, the architects, Llewelyn-Davies, admit that Tess Jaray's work has a calming influence on what is potentially a stressful area. They wanted her to work from the edges of their building inwards but she

started from the canvas centre and worked outwards. Her first project off the canvas and into 3D space was the forecourt of Victoria Station, which drew her right into Victorian pattern-making. Only an artist, she believes, could have spent the time to realise this patterns on paper were based on the erroneous idea that bricks bonded two-to-one. When she realised that the configuration was three-to-one. it opened up new potential. Next was the oriental carpet-making at the

ubilee Square, outside great era of Arts Council influence outside Wakefield Cathedral. At Leeds General Infirmary, on putting art into public spaces. Its Stickley, in Stoke-on-Trent, she reinvented the palest of pale huff rates Sixties high-rise Wing by cutting-edge hospital bricks to anchor her designs, but texture it generates. Carefully from a mouroful Victorian architects. Llewelyn-Davies, who then she learnt that they darkened detailed planters and steps in the red-brick hospital by have replicated the rounds of the involve carbonyted atmosphere so levels are expressive of the sloping she found an alternative. There is site. Exuberant zigzagging, more nothing she doesn't know about brick, or the laying of it.

The magic - and calming - power

of pattern is introduced outside Leeds Infirmary with just four shades of brick, and fewer brick shapes than the Moguls had at their disposal, although she used some 80 different types of special brick shapes made with Brian Cooper of Ibstock Building products. She calls it "Pattern without vertigo". It has the audacity of true invention, the triumph of ideas over technical limitations. Brick the colour of old strawberries faintly echoes Gilbert Scott's Moorish decoration. A Gothic revivalist who designed St Pancras, Scott consulted Florence Nightingale in the planning of Leeds General Infirmary in 1868. Jaray kind of research. Her early brick puts a spin on his add-on ornamentation by making deft weaves from Prince of Wales check to herring-bone, interwoven with paisley. When she wants to tease the brickies who work alongside her on these patterns - as intricate as Fair heart of Birmingham, and then the Isle but a lot more backbreaking -

Jaray uses traditional English bond brickwork for the rhythm and Samarkand than Leeds city centre, marks the moment when Jaray got lift-off from the horizontal canvas and into the vertical plane, on something as prosaic as the huge hospital vent on the site. The 45m retaining walls are deep, designed to be sat upon in some areas. More than functional, they curl and scroll along changes of level, and the complex profiles of the round-edged copings set up plays of light on the moulding and chasing of the bricks. Tess Jaray's strength is that she has given these brick ramparts a sense of softness, not something you

associate with brick. The hospital, commissioned at a time when Labour, in opposition, voiced their commitment to architecture and design, opens at a time when New Labour's stand on creativity seems to be driven by the Treasury. Astonishingly, the Royal Institute of British Architects was not even mentioned in the White Paper on the Government's approach to architecture and the tax-

payer's money. An anxious knot of architects

14 September to consider the Arts future, were reminded of the Government commitment to ensure designed, fit for purpose and of high quality" in a written contribution by Chris Smith, Secretary of State. He believes that "The Lottery distributing bodies should continue to use their resources to achieve the highest standards in design and building ... and we look to the design prossions to provide these standards".

Currently, the two buzz phrases in Government thinking on architecture which will drive future funding, either tax-payers' money or lottery funding, are "urban regeneration" and "regional". Urban Task Force, that band of environmentalists, town-planners, builders and opinion-makers led by Richard Rogers, has a budget three times that of the Arts Council.

In the autumn, ACE (Arts Council England) Architecture, established in 1992, which has provided a national overview to architecture as well as support for the Regional Arts Boards, will announce their plans. To regain a healthy circulation and ooce again be at the heart of the visual arts, they should consider consulting the case notes at Leeds General Infirmary.



Leeds General Infirmary and Jubilee Square - Tess Jaray's canvas for the future Jerry Hardman-Jones

Modernism finds a human face

A competition launched to design a housing complex in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town has produced a minor masterpiece. By Nonie Niesewand

"MORE ALDEBURGH than Porter's verdict on Richard Murphy's mannerly Modernist scheme for housing in Edinburgh's Old Town, winner of the Burrell competition she judged. His pitched-roof scheme for 24 houses which will be built on an awkward site, currently a car park on Tron Square, is just a quarter-of-a-mile from the new Scottish parliament.

None of the 12 younger practices invited to enter the Burrell comnetition were able to submit ideas for the parliament in the "open" competition, since it excluded all but the big international players with megabuck buildings on their CVs.

An exhibition, at Edinburgh's Matthew Gallery, of the submissions for housing to be built by the Burrell company pinpoints how Modernism is getting along in Scotland. Nicely, thank you, with a revival of early Modernist social conscience and more urban planning than stylistic flourishes. "Human beings get lost in the architectural debate, and unless you're designing a power sta- on site at Tron Square.

tion, you have to get buildings built Edinburgh," was Janet Street for people. We always start with the social side." says Murphy.

Which is why this minor £1.2m housing competition in the centre interested Murphy. Nationally prominent because he wins awards, including the Stirling Prize, his best known building is the Maggie Keswick Centre at the Edinburgh's Western General Hospital. Charles Jencks, who commissioned it from him, has asked his chum Frank Gebry to build his first British project with another Maggie Keswick cancer community centre at Dundee.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about Murphy is the way he moves vernacular out of a stylistic debate and into an historical and contextual one. "I'm 43, and studied at Newcastie and Edinburgh, and my generation survived the post-modern rubbish to see through it all as fake history."

Rather than bolt-on heritage, Murphy explores the topography and history of housing in Edinburgh

For centuries, Edinburgh has been a model for mixed housing, with every social mix stacked in the same tenement from the basement to the top, where views across the city were the best. Murphy responded with four whizzy, James Bond-style flats in dramatic twostorey spaces with spectacular views and 20 spacious, well-lit, uncomplicated apartments below. The competition brief asked for 30 units on site, but he concluded that overloading would lead to a bulky building, so he adventurously submitted his ideas to the property developer, the Burrell Group, which ran the competition with just 24 units.

He observed the lines of a "close", the long thin alleyways which run oerpendicular to the city's High Street, to divide his housing into two rectangular blocks left free standing rather than linked with glass atriums or walkways like some of the other submissions. This produced two public spaces, a private garden and public space for a terrace and café. Less stylistic in its intent, his

scheme involves a sympathetic un-

derstanding of history overlaid with a confidence in the future.

Piers Gough, that seasoned architect of good housing which people like to live in, was also a judge of the Burrell competition. His summing up is a checklist for wannabe housing designers: think urban space, don't have too many bright ideas on a small site; keep it simple and think through all the details and don't kowtow. He is unequivocal: "Even if you loathe Post Modernism. you've got to admit that it brought back other ways of dealing with a floating site rather than an old Modernist building on a strong horizontal plinth."

Although all the competition's entries were of a high standard, it was the simplicity of Murphy's ideas which won. "It's not a wild ideas competition," says Gough. "We are looking to build here and sensibility really attracted the judges. Murphy's scheme wasn't pretentious, nor did he throw the kitchen sink at it. I think his work is more complex than at first observed, with lots of lay-

Idea and builds up its interest." Architecturally, Alan Murray's submission was the most exciting.

He contrasted two halves of the building, so that the scheme was very attractive from the nearby High Street. But the lack of any external space counted against him in a close-run finish. Murray is convinced that this Tron Square submission was one of the best things his practice has

done, "in the spirit of good Modernist housing". The fact that his £50m office, retail and cinema complex at Greenside, bang in the middle of a World Heritage Site at Edinburgh's Calton Hill, has just been given planning permission did not make him too grand to enter the Burrell competition.

"The size of a project doesn't influence me," he says. "There is an architectural challenge there, right in the heart of the city, with a com-mitted developer. Besides, it's the most dynamic city and I wanted the dynamics of the city to eventually find its way into every nook ers. He starts with a simple, direct and cranny."



Close run thing: Richard Murphy's winning design

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100% Design's new bursary can help young designers realise their dreams. By Hugh St Clair

IN FOUR years the contemporary turniture show 100% Design has come a long way. The first show brought together 180 avant-garde signer-makers who had begged and borrowed money for a chance to be catapulted from their dusty workshops into a glossy marquee in Chelsea and beyond by influential shops, interior designers, architects and multinational manufacturers. For the most part, although enthusiasm was high, sales were not. Many important and established manufacturers didn't even visit.

The feeling about the show today is rather different. It is held at Earls Court, and the number of stands and visitors has doubled. Buying is up too. Every home furnishings company is desperate to be associated with 100% Design - according to Ian Rudge, its chief organiser, only half who apply get accepted.

Rudge and his team were worried that 100% Design would lose sight of its original aim - to exhibit the best of-modern British design - and become dominated by multinational companies who manufacture reproduction furniture in the Far East.

His response has been to launch a bursary scheme to pay half the cost of an exhibition space. The bursary is open to British-based new talents who have never shown at a trade fair before, "Our advisory panel, which comprises a Crafts Council representative, an architect, the editor of Blueprint and a Heals buyer, have selected 11 designer makers, whose work is capable of being produced in large numbers," explains Rudge. Janet Stoyel produces metal textiles using photo-laser and ultrasound technology to alter the texture of copper, stamless steel and phospher bronze and change their metalbues into brilliant colours. For her, bursary is a recognition of 30

years of struggle and determination.

qualifications, she went to work fulltime, studying textiles at night school while her husband babysat. Later she completed a City and Guilds fashion course, followed by art school, then a course in textile construction in Birmingham.

Stoyel won a trip to Japan's fabric factories in a knitting competition and became fascinated by their technology. Back home, at a car show, she learnt about laser machines and their manufacturers. One, which built lasers for firing missiles on Challenger tanks, was willing "to let a mad woman stick fabrics under a laser to see what the effect would be". She produced her first collection of polyester silk-mix laseraltered scarves. They were bought by Paul Smith and Paloma Picasso.

For another effect she used an ultrasound machine "like the one you scan babies with" to bombard leather with sound, creating amazing patterns; the results have been sold to Gucci and Donna Karan. At 100% Design Stoyel will show metal wallcladding given a dose of lasers and ultrasound, along with cushions and curtains made from the finest metals.

By contrast, Bodo Speriein, who is German-born and England-based, is breathing new life into bonechina at the Thomas Goode factory in Stoke-on-Trent. "When I started doing ceramics at art school, people would say to me that all British porcelain was twee or hippie. I wanted to get away from that and make something clean, modern and elegant. Bone china is much nicer to use than earthenware."

Sperlein must have been doing something right, because he was voted one of eight best newcomers by Wallpaper* magazine last year. He has designed a range of bowls and vases for the fashion store Browns Homeware Collection, and is launching a new ceramic light

is backed with a fine rubber resin but is still translucent and very heat resistant," he says. "The mix of bone china and rubber resin has amazing potential. You will be able to mould it and make cups in one piece. At pre-

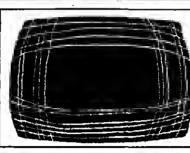
sent the handle is stuck on later." Sharon Elphick has a mission "to take something many people consider ugly and make them look at it in a different way". In her case it was the tower blocks of London, Paris, Sao Paulo, New York and Bertin. She photographed them, then screenprinted a collage of the prints on to canvas. Up to now they have been huge wall hangings, but at 100% Design she is producing them as rolls of wallpaper. Already Paul Smith and Jigsaw in Bond Street have decorated their premises with her work.

Michael Sodeau used to be part of Inflate, the acclaimed group whose blow-up chairs, tables, picture frames and eggcups were launched at the first 100% Design. He is now designing on his own, so is eligible for a bursary. He uses hourious, natural materials; his steel-based side tables have tops veneered in Macassar ebony, a hand-woven rug reflects the colours of wood; lampshades are made from woven cane and dressing table accessories are in white ceramic and rosewood.

Sodeau designed the whole range. "Everything is compatible, so once I had an idea for one piece the others just followed on." Although he Illustrations clockwise from admits to watching lots of Sixties science fiction and James Bond films, he denies that they influence his ideas. "I design with my hands, not Germany and Britain on to with my eyes," he says. "Everything in my collection is very sculptural. To me, if it feels good, it looks good."

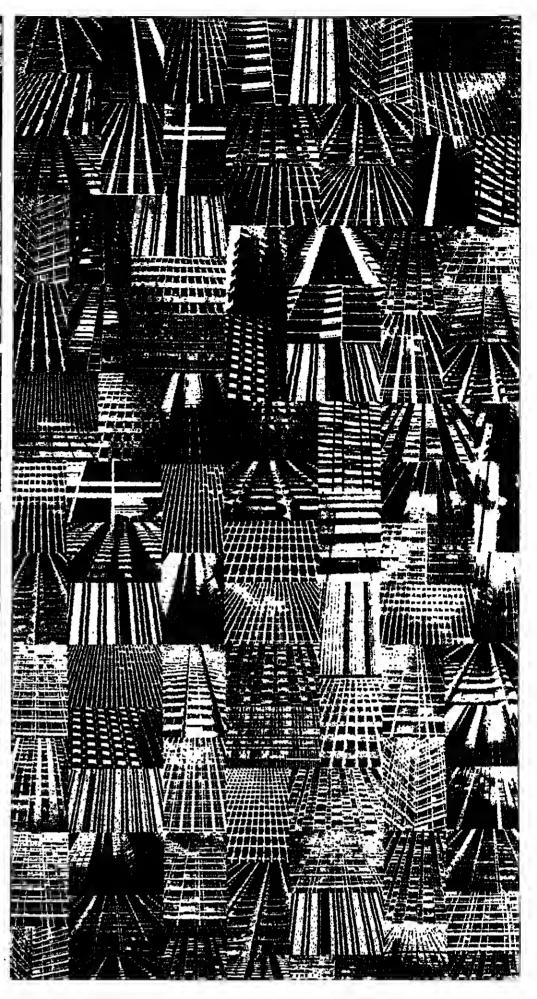
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right: inner-city designs by Sharon Elphick who has printed images of towerblocks in Brazil, wallpaper; Bodo Sperlein's modern take on bone china designed for Browns' home collection: luxurious natural materials inspired the geometric 'Charlie' rug by Sunday 27 September, 10am-6pm at Michael Sodeau; a bolt of metal textiles created by using photolaser and ultrasound technology



He's a dedicated follower of furniture

Like the shirt? This man is a fashion phenomenon, and he attributes his success to a pair of chair designers. By Andrew Zneimer



foam vending cups, 30 per cent of

its lead from recycled computer

conventional pencil, is, from an

point of view, clearly a Very Good

Idea. I spend most of every working good for chewing for a start: the

house whose name remains synonymous with sexy chic, is currently sponsoring a major exhibition of two of this century's most influential designers, Charles and Ray Eames. It is the first time Gucci has been involved as a patron of the arts in the UK.

At the private view on Monday, the celebrities and attendant paparazzi were out in force. Tom Ford, Gucci's much-vaunted creative director, was in London to promote the event.

"You know," explains the 36-year-old American, "there is a pair of Gucci loafers in the Museum of Modern Art in New York from the 1960s. Our heritage is based on the notion of modern Italian design and so, to sponsor an exhibition of midEames, makes perfect sense."

The Eames's met at the Academy of Art, Detroit, in 1940 and were married a year later. In their management of interior space and design of furniture and architectural structures they captured many of the defining moments in America's immediate pre- and post-war evolution. Their work became a reflection of the economic prosperity and optimism America enjoyed throughout the 1950s and 1960s. As ordinary Americans acquired a car for the first time, the Eames's explored the use of new materials to create lowcost, high-quality furniture for the

"The Eames truly believed the

ucci, the Italian fashion century modernists, such as the tinues Ford. "I think this opportunity to appreciate their work is really timely. Look at what's happening with advances in Aids and cancer drugs. You can feel the energy and self-belief of youth on the streets

here in London. This is much of what the Eames were about." Ford himself started out as a student of architecture, although he abandoned it quickly for being "too serious", and admits freely that his work at Gucci is influenced by the world of art and design. He refers enthusiastically to the Californian architect Neutra (he recently bought a Neutra house), to his European counterpart Mies van der Rohe and, of course, to the Eames's.

Ford believes the intimate relaworld could be a better place," con-tionship between fashion, design

and culture is both necessary and unavoidable. "I have never literally looked at an Eames chair and said. "how can I turn that into a pair of pants?" he states. "Nevertheless, fashion for me has to have something to do with what is happening

in the world. For it to be 'mass' it has also to refer to populist culture. "In fashion terms, you have to know what came before you to have a chance of knowing what the next thing will be. Fashion is business and commerce, not art. You have to take what is in the air and turn it into

something people want to buy." Since joining the company in 1995, Ford has transformed Gucci from a failing business producing suitcases with a famous label into the \$1 billion fashion emporium it is

today. One assumes that be is quite adept at anticipating market trends and giving people what they want. Ford, rather like Charles and

Ray Eames before him, sees himself as a "modernist". He cares about practicality and functionalism, "I wonder, if they were alive today, if the Eames's would not be off on some tangent we haven't thought of. Maybe they would be into electronics and software. You know, in the near future, rather than buy a new painting, perhaps you'll purchase a software programme that will redecorate your house, boom, like that. Software developments will

change design forever." Ford has just signed a new five-

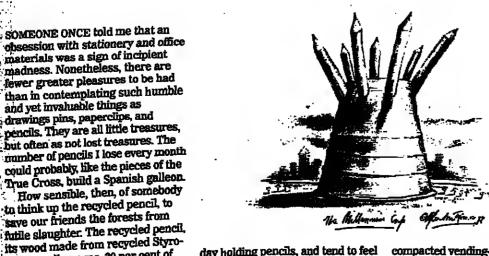
al network of stores - which boast their own range of home furnishings - and bring them all up to his meticulous standards at a staggering cost of some \$80m.

It would be interesting to know what the Eames's would make of their posthumous association with Gucci but one suspects they would share many of Ford's artistic sensibilities. After all, before attending the opening on their behalf, Eames Demetrios, their grandson, was rushed to the nearest store and bedecked in Gucci clothes after an airline suspiciously lost his luggage.

The Work of Charles and Ray Eames' is at the Design Museum, year contract at Gucci and is on a Shod Thomes, London SE1 (0171 378 mission to revamp the Gucci glob- 6055) until 4 January, daily 11.30-6.

THE MILLENNIUM COLLECTION

No 11: THE REMARKABLE RECYCLED PENCIL



cases and costing half the price of a while the recycled pencil may be a Very Good Idea, is it a good pencil? I suppose it depends on what you economic, environmental and moral want to do with it. It's not much

day holding pencils, and tend to feel compacted vending-cup stuff fails to rather fetishistic about them. So give with the same satisfying crunch as a wooden pencil, and chewing pencils is an essential part of the

cartoonist's creative process. Likewise, it's heavier than ordinary pencils, amovingly so when

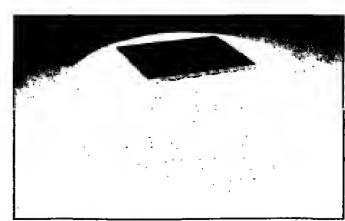
cradled between thumb and middle finger during the long hours spent, essentially and creatively, staring out of the window. It does sharpen quite nicely, which is important.

Sharpening pencils is a deeply sensuous experience, and the compacted Styrofoam curls out over the sharpener's blade in an unbroken helix. However, the lead will not sharpen to a point, and all those plastic computer cases make it splinter easily and feel irritatingly waxy when you pass it over paper

Not a very good pencil for drawing with, then, but perfectly adequate for; say, cleaning out your ears or doing sums on the back of an envelope to work out how many pencils you could get for the price of one Millennium Dome. I make it 8,666,666,000 or so, which would make for an impressive fleet of galleons.

MARTIN ROWSON

INDEPENDENT COMPETITION



THE WINNER of the 1998 Jerwood Prize for Applied Arts: Glass was Tessa Clegg whose "resonant, spiritual and sexy" glass (see above, Red Ring) has appeared in museums and collections throughout the world. London-based Clegg, 42, received her £15,000 prize from Sir Jocelyn Stevens at the Crafts Council this week. Independent readers naturally nursued a

different line. They nominated jointly Keiko Mukaide and Anna Dickinson, whose work was judged to be "expressive", "classically simple" and "luminous". Congratulations to Bernard Banks from Sherborne, Dorset, who is the winner of the Independent Competition, and to the two runners-up, N. Fletcher from Malton, North Yorkshire. and C. Powis from Kent.

Fired in the kiln of fatherhood

Pottery was not Pablo Picasso's first art form. But, as his son points out, the great man made over 3,500 ceramic works,

a selection of which are on show in London. By Rachel Barnes

think what I most admired about my father was his extraordinary courage," Claude Picasso told me. "He had such energy to pursue whatever he wanted, and he really didn't care what others thought. It was what made him great. I do not seek, I find.' he insisted, and he wanted his heart to be 'alive and dangerous'. What confidence he had!"

I met Claude Picasso in London this week, surrounded by his father's work, much of which he had watched being made in Vallauris in the Fifties. Claude is here with his sister Paloma, the other child of Picasso's marriage to Francoise Gilot, to open the first major show of the artist's work in clay at the Royal Academy

Claude, at 51, looks extraordinarily like Picasso. He has the same huge mesmeric dark eyes, strong features and charismatic smile. He told me that he felt father's in certain respects, but revitalising old traditions, was wouldn't specify. From his conversation, it is clear he inherits both parents' heightened sensitivity to the visual world. He was evidently enormously proud of the exhibition, again. reminiscent of Picasso, who mate his considerable gifts.

under the natural light. I think the sheer variety and inven- made at this time." tiveness of the work, and at the way my father's personality became familiar with the way bis comes through so clearly. There father worked. "Although my is such wit and humour here, which was my father at his most charismatic.

This exhibition focuses on the this part of Picasso's work has sculptor and painter," says Claude. "But I have always beget about his work. lieved this part of his artistic life to be just as important, I know enced doubts about his work the that he did. He made 3,500 way many artists do. People



Picasso's style shines through his works at the RA

pieces after all!" Claude has se- woodered why he was bothering lected 200 for the London show, with such a minor art form as two thirds of which have never pottery but this did not worry been exhibited before. him in the least. It was what he had decided to do."

Claude believes his father

found it stimulating to work in

close collaboration with Jules

Throughout his mercurial ca-

reer, despite his independence.

Picasso had found inspiration

working closely with other artists he respected. It had been

the same when he and Braques

had invented Cubism together.

Jules would throw a small vase

and my father would instantly

grab it and quickly, without hes-

itation, turn it into something a

pigeon, perhaps, or a dove or an

owl. His hands worked so fast

and knowingly. It was exciting

for him to experiment with mix-

ing the bright shiny colours,

which were so wonderful for a child to see. I think working with

the primal elements of fire and

earth appealed greatly to my fa-

Many of Picasso's biogra-

phers have delighted in telling

Claude's toy box when he was

four, and took the parts of a bro-

by this time, been engaged for

"The story about my father

making the baboon sculpture is

quite true," says Claude. "But

ther, because of the almost mag-

ical results."

the rubbish tip.

"I used to love watching as

Picasso began working in the ceramic medium after visiting the Madoura pottery in Valfauris in 1946. The rich soil of this region of France had supported Agar, who was the potter a ceramics industry since Roman times. Picasso, always that his character was like his fascinated with the prospect of especially inspired by the Mediterranean past.

"I think it was a really special time for him," says Claude. "He was at last celebrating the end of the terrible war, and in a sense it was a rebirth of life. In his sixwas never one to underestities, he had married a beautiful. young, intelligent woman - my "I really wish he could have mother - and now they had a seen all this." Claude tells me in new son. I think be loved living faultless English with a strong in that part of the world with the French accent. "I am so pleased fantastic light, the only original with the way the show looks real light of art. His sense of pleasure, and fun, and celebrapeople will be really amazed at tion comes out in the work he

In Vallauris as a child, Claude parents were not always aware of it, I was often there watching," he says. "I remember so well my father's complete concentraartist's work in day, made in the tion when he went to the studio. South of France in the last 30 Everything he did, every moveyears of his life. "Up until now, ment be made, he did with complete concentration. Then, after not been considered on a par he had finished work he would with his achievements as a go to the beach, or whatever, and then he would enjoy play and for-

"I don't think that he experi-

had not broken accidentally. I had deliberately dismantled it and I still wanted the pieces. I don't think my father realised this - but I soon told him!

"My mother tells me that I was a very busy, curious child. and that I quite often challenged my father when I was little, which she thought was rather good for him!"

Photographs of Picasso playing with Claude in the sea and on the beach confirm the father's delight and fascination with his son. One of Claude's memories is watching transfixed as his father transformed one object into something else. "One day he saw an old broken basket when he was out with me and my mother," Claude recalls. "Look!" he said. "This is perfect for my goat."

"What are you talking about?" said my mother. This basket became the stomach of his famous goat sculpture.

Claude and his sister Paloma were only aged six and four when Francoise Gilot made the decision to leave Picasso. "Nobody leaves a man like me," he told her, hut she did.

Claude's memories of his father are obviously very bound up with his young life, but his recollections appear to be clear and positive. "I was incredibly lucky to be born to such parents," he says. "I have often talked to my mother about my father. She is very perceptive."

While he was involved with setting up his current exhibition Claude was reminded of a rare bout of nerves his father experienced when an exhibition of his work was set up in the Louvre in 1946, before Claude was born.

"He was so competitive - he was on tenterbooks to see how the story of how Picasso raided his work would stand up by the great Old Masters," says Claude. "But, gradually, he reken toy to make his famous Ba- laxed. 'It's all the same thing!' boon sculpture in 1951. He had, he kept saying. I am sure he would have felt a little nervous several years in making sculp- seeing this work in clay on show tures from things he found on for the first time. But, I am equally sure, he would have been delighted with it!"

Picasso, Painter and Sculptor



no-one has ever mentioned how in Clay, is at the Royal Acad- Claude Picasso: Working with the primal elements of fire and earth appealed

furious I was with him! The toy emy of Arts until 27 December greatly to my father' Suffer all the pretty children

When do images abuse a child? A debate at the ICA aims to find an answer. By Patricia Holland



JonBenet Ramsey caught

THE THING about taboos is not that they warn us off a topic, but that they attract us to it. They signal with bright, flashing lights that here is something we will all be fascinated by, and then - as in the "special" room in the controversial Sensations exhibition - they hide it to tantalise us. Instead of averting our eyes, we rush to see, but our looking is tempered by fear.

So it is with pictures of children, the cultural obsession of the Nineties. Isn't there something pleasurable about the shock we experience when we

Ramsey, a child enacting adulthood in lipstick and feathers? The fact that she was later murdered seems like a terrible judgement on those who displayed her in this way, but also on those of us who experience the power of the pictures, as well as on the child herself.

In the context of public debates around child abuse, paedophilia, violent and murderous children, and the fragile corruptibility of childhood, we approach contemporary images of children with unprecedented nervousness. There has been see those pictures of JonBenet censorship, rushed legislation years ago - with the recognition

and many a cry of outrage. All of this is the territory explored by Spoilt Children, this weekend's event at London's Institute of Contemporary Arts.

"Spoiling" children is a dreadful thing to do, and there are all sorts of contradictory ways of doing it, from too much pampering to the most callous forms of abuse. Yet the worst taboo is still the involvement of children in sexual activity.

How can we reconcile the understanding that children are sexual beings - after all, Freud made this clear 100

that children's involvement in adult sexual activity is deeply abusive? Much debate centres on the cultural efforts to resolve

One solution has been to

this paradox.

scrutinise and control the images themselves. James Reilly, who will be part of the ICA discussion, was one of those artists whose work was put in a separate room in the Sensotions exhibition, with a warning to parents posted at the entrance. In an even stranger example, the publishers of a respectable academic journal, Continuum, hesitated to put on its cover a picture taken by an Australian photography student. The student, who had

than two years. As Professor John Hartley from Cardiff University explains, she had been "captured" by the "alarmingly wide" new censorship law in Western Australia. This only requires a person who "looks like" a child under 16 years of age to be photographed, "in a manner that is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult", to be declared

photographed her own son,

had been arrested and re-

mained on remand for more

pornographic. The boy in the picture is naked, sitting gazing at the camera, but his crotch is covered by his hand. This is a reversal of the notorious Robert Mapplethorpe photograph of Rosie", taken in 1976, in which the child is fully dressed but inadvertently reveals her private parts, not only to a particularly

sensual photographer, but to folsuch positive reactions cannot lowing generations who conbe taken for granted. In such a

tinue to gaze at his work. The Australian student's picture made it on to the cover of the journal, hut the Hayward Gallery left Rosie out of its 1996 Mapplethorpe show.

Images of children have changed over the years, and the growth of photography and commercial imagery, from the end of the 19th century, led to an explosion of pictures for popular consumption. Postcards from the Truly Scrumptious model agency, whose director Sharon Obee will also be at the ICA, are the inheritors of a long tradition.

These days, pictures are made in a context which is even more strongly market driven, and children are playing a new role as consumers. A growing awareness of children's rights is another factor which jostles for attention. It is not easy to decide whether we are seeing a new frankness or new forms of exploitation. But children grow up. Do they have rights over "their" pictures?

Alice Liddle continued to be proud of Lewis Carroll's seductive Alice in Wonderland images of her as a pre-pubescent child. Mapplethorpe's Rosie criticised the Hayward's decision to remove her picture from the walls.

The daughters of Sally Mann, who collaborated in their mother'a controversial photographs, have said how pleased they were to find they were living with a genius. But

power to heal **THEATRE** OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD YOUNG VIC

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LONDON AS PREDICAMENTS go, it is dramatic. It is close to opening night and it is entirely possible that the leading actress is not going to be around. Not because she has got a hetter offer, hut

because ahe is going to be

hanged. There is nothing worse than the sound of theatre talking to itself hut there is nothing selfcongratulatory about Timberlake Wertenbaker's magnificent Our Country's Good, revived by Out of Joint. It is a thrillingly theatrical juxtaposition of life and death, a cross between Crime and Punishment and all those backstage plays which cry "Let's put the show on right here!" You want to understand why theatre is still important?

Look no further. Wertenbaker's characters are an ill-begotten group of convicts deported to Australia in 1789 where their lives are harshly ruled by officers with little regard for anything but the letter of the law. Yet she refuses to resort to cardboard characterisations. Everyone is subject to the command of a governor (Jonathan Cullen) who looks upon his hopeless "criminals" with a rare degree of humanity. His belief in redemption through the healing processes of art leads him to sanction the convicts acting in a production of Farguhar's comedy, The Recruiting Officer.

There is plenty of good dialogue, but more than any other of her plays this shows Wertenbaker's understanding that it is structure and metaphor which create real drama. The placing of actors and scenes makes you understand the power of her arguments. That is displayed with startling clarity in the doubling-up of roles by the cast who play both officers and convicts.

The most brutal of the officers (Decian Conion) insists on watching rehearsals. Disgusted that the fledgling actors wish for privacy and have a personal modesty, he tries to degrade them.

This is followed by the same actor playing the jibbering convict whose job it is to prepare his fellow prisoners for the gallows as he measures up the play-within-a-play's fearsomely sullen leading actress (Sally Rogers). Technically, we are watching a vividly theatrical metaphor. Not that we care: we are too busy being moved by the iuxtanosition of what we see and hear and thus feel.

Max Stafford-Clark, who first directed the play in 1988. is back and again proves that there are no small parts in his productions. The detail and compassion in the tiniest moments takes your hreath away. In the beautifully orchestrated final scene, Sarah Walton quietly releases her character's soul with the words, "I love this". She is not alone. To October 24 (0171-928 6363)

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'Spoilt Children' is at the ICA,

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Where the four-piece pop group goes to die, there lurks The Beta Band. By Ben Thompson



Things can only get Beta

feeling when the music sounds so strange it feels like a secret, and you look onstage to the people who are making it and then offstage into the faces of the audience, and you realise that bundreds of people are getting the

lishman - though due to their ten- a band wearing thrift-shop karate dency to swap instruments in suits backed up by a fastforward them to be an octet - their strange, surging, pagan, deceptively simple music applies a desperately needed sbot of adrenaline to the prone form of the four-piece pop group. Not just audiences really have no other slotting into other people's bills but choice. stubbornly filling whole evenings with their own warped and wonderful hybrid of great music, terrible poetry, and alarming videos of strange rituals on Scottish hillsides, The Beta Band are the most exciting new British band to emerge in the last year and a half by a country mile.

Part art-school rbumba, part duh reverie, part pastoral idyll, The Beta Band sound resists all attempts at classification. "We all come from the countryside initially," explains their turntable wizard, John MacLean, on the telephone from the tour hotel in Liverpool. "And musi- you're about to take away its biscuit. cally, we like to think that we inhabit our own village". The three four-track make it big, the secret NUJ list of the EPs the band have released over the past year and a bit - Champion Versions, The Patty Patty Sound and Los Amigos Del Beta Bandidos (now collected together on a single disc ing to talk to our heroes in drummer

ou know that magical which the band insist is "not really an album" to stop mad people pay-ing £40 for them) - mark out that village as a very desirable place to live. But it's onstage that the band are at their most irresistible.

"When we first started playing gigs," MacLean continues, "the idea was to make it like a 1989 house club, secret at the exact same time? hut everyone was just standing and That's what the atmosphere tends to belike when The Beta Band play live. started to move around a bit now." Three Scotsmen and a lone Eng- Faced with a stage covered in ferns, night easily suppose video odyssey through a selection of 'If we're described with record sleeves so eclectic as to be alis." MacLean continues, "that was only two of our record collections").

But while their forerunners in what might casually be termed British pop's nouveau psychedelic strain - like Spiritualized and Primal Scream - seem to be shuffling the cards of their musical heritage, The Beta Band are a whole new deck. If rock history is a hotel, they have checked out and gone for a walk along the clifftops in bare feet. But don't tell them face to face that's what you think they're doing. In fact, don't try to tell them anything, or they will look at you with the wounded expression of a small child who thinks

Before The Beta Band started to world's most obnoxious interviewees contained four names: Jazzie B. Chris Penn, Ricki Lake and Will Oldham of the Palace Brothers. TryRobin's attic flat - located conveniently near to Highgate's suicide bridge, for those journalists who may want to end it all on the way home-it's as if the four resolute noncommunicators listed above have decided to form a group. There's nothing intrinsically unfriendly about The Beta Band, but the inclusiveness and warmth of their music is in inverse proportion to their desire to talk about it.

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> In a perhaps understandable reaction to the discredited Oasis/Embrace school of "We're the hest band in the world" self-promotional overkill, The Beta Band regard name, rank and serial number as frankness beyond the call of duty. They once refused to do an interview with The Face on the grounds that they "weren't really a band", but get-ting a foot in the door is only the be-

> Beta Band techniques for frustrating friendly attempts at interrogation begin with standard Beatles-inspired obfuscation. Asked to say their names on tape for voice

by pretending to be the Beach Boys ("Brian, Dennis, Carl, Mike"), and then run the gamut of names which aren't actually their names until the joke is lying in the gutter for mercy. They move on through vague dis-

dain. A valiant attempt to start a discussion about the problems caused by noisy oystercatchers to coastal birdsong recordists, ends in total bumiliation to downright hostility if the name of another group is mentioned.

Do they think you have to be se-

cretive about something in order for it to be powerful? "No." says Gerry Rafferty-influenced vocalist, Steve Mason. "I just think people waste too much time talking about music that happened 30 years ago." Other bands would be very happy to be identified as coming from, say, a psychedelic tradition. "But if we're being described with reference to a genre that's 30 years old, we have failed in our quest to make brand new music," Mason insists dourly. "I don't even

know what psychedelic means." It comes from the Greek delios, meaning to make apparent, and psyche, meaning, well, the psyche. It was originally used with reference to drugs that were supposed to have this effect, and then to music that was supposed to complement, intensify or echo such experiences.

"But surely all music is about coming to a deeper understanding of one-self?" says Mason He might have a point there.

"The reason we don't say very much," interjects bassist Richard Greentree, in the grip of a momen-tary merciful impulse, "is that, if we had to think about what our influ- Bollroom. Their first album will be identification purposes, they start off ences are, or why we're doing what out next year

we're doing, it would take all the fun out of it."

That seems fair enough. So is there anything The Beta Band wouldn't find it painful to discuss? Greentree pauses. "Talking about what we actually do - what instruments we used and how different making the third EP was to making the first - that would be acceptable." OK then, how was making the

third EP different to making the first? Richard (excitedly, as if somehow vindicated): "The first EP which I didn't play on, was basically just Patty Patty Sound was quite live, and recorded as much as possible in one take, all playing at the same time. The third EP was done close-miked, with fewer instruments and more attention paid to getting individual sounds exactly right, and then over-

But these are the kind of mundane details from which the music of The Beta Band seems so capable of transporting us. The only things The Beta Band are willing to tell us should be exactly the sort of things we really don't need to know. And that's the exact opposite of the way their music works. "It's about waking up in the morning and reaching for a guitar," they told Melody Moker, in a rare moment of glosnost. "Or a glockenspiel, or a gong."

laying them all together."

The Three EPs (Regal) is out 28 September. The Beta Band's rescheduled tour dates begin on 23 September, at Aberdeen Lemon Tree, and end on 30 September, at Camden Electric

Novel acts carry off the prizes

The Technics-Mercury Awards were an open book - but what did it all mean? By John O'Reilly

IN CASE we were embarrassed about liking pop music just for itself, Simon Frith, Professor of English at Strathclyde and chairman of the judging panel for the Technics-Mercury Awards, had offered some reassuring words. When the shortlist was announced, he declared that the pop album was, in fact, like a novel. As the narrative unfolded at the Shepherd's Bush Empire, the analogy occasionally made sense.

First up on stage was Pulp, fronted by Jarvis Cocker, whose decentred, erratic, dislocated body movements - all twitches and spasms - read like James Joyce's Finnegan's Wake, Cocker convulsed his way through two songs "Party Hard" and "A Little Soul". Many of the shortlisted bands were on tour when the awards took place, and so Robbie Williams appeared on videotape. Williams's life is a trashy airport novel of scarcely credible plot development in which the boy makes good, makes bad, and then makes good again. So now be was in Sri

Though sober as a reformed Ozzy Osbourne and packed with industry and press quaffing unlimited Chablis and scoffing quail's eggs, the evening began to metamorphose into a Jilly Cooper novel as written by Kafka. Gomez appeared on stage and, if you had not seen them before, you would have mistaken them for young, well-manoered A-level students who had lost their way on a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Lanka with UNICEF.

4-Hero performed their azzy, drum 'n' bass soul. then thanked Jock and JR Ewing. Catatonia took the stage to receive their memento for being sbortlisted; they are not like a novel at all, more a quality soap. Cerys is a Welsh barmaid with an active, imaginative fantasy life and whose love for jewellery is only matched by Coronation Street's Bet Lynch. Which, of course, is a major reason why we love her.

After the Asian Duh Foundation performed their punky drum 'n' bass, it was time for more booze, feta and sun-dried tomatoes while waiting for the panel's decision. 1 asked one middle-aged

industry insider, whose

liver appeared to be swimming in Chablis, who he thought would win and found myself in a Martin Amis story. "It's all marketing, really," he said. The Verve are a class act, but what's the point? And who the hell are half these bands anyway? They should give it to someone who can appeal to the 25-40



for well-mannered A-level students

albums. I'm going to see Depeche Mode on tour and they'd be a good choice next year."

He did have a point, though. Matters of taste aside, does the award really go to the best album? Or is it the most innovative? Or the best debut album? I retired to the bar and, for the first time, genuinely wondered on what basis the panel would choose. So I casually asked the bar-girl who might win. "Oh, I know whose going to win," she instantly replied. "This morning we knew who were the last hand on." Of course, the encore. It all made sense. This is a novel It's Mario Puzo's The Godfather. It's like the fix in the 1919 World Series. hut this time The Verve would throw the match and the 33/1 outsider, the folkie Eliza Carthy, would snatch the prize.

But as we know, Gomez won with Bring It On and there was no encore. The novel? Jerzy Kosinski's

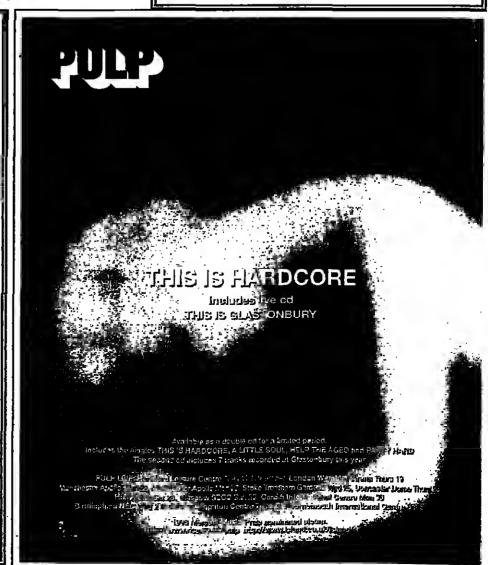


THE CHARTS

TOP 10 UK POP ALBUMS

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2	Savage Garden	Savage Garden				
3 _	Where We Belong	Boyzone				
4	Live: One Night Only	Bee Gees				
.5	The Best of - Hatful of Rain	Del Amitri				
6	Six	Mansun				
7	Life Thru a Lens	Robbie Williams				
8	Blue	Simply Red				
9	Life Goes On	Sash!				
10	Tubular Bells III	Mike Oldfield				
TOP 10 UK POP SINGLES						

1 _	Millennlum	Robbie Williams
2	Sex on the Beach	T-Spoon
3	No Matter What	Boyzone
4	Finally Found	Honeyz
5 _	Crush	Jennifer Paige
6	One for Sorrow	Steps
7	Bootie Call	All Saints
8 _	Everybody Get Up	Five
9	Music Sounds Better	Stardust
10_	To the Moon and Back	Savage Garden



It's all over, Barbie

Aqua flew a hundred journalists to Copenhagen so they could experience them live. Why? Because they know the game is up. By Fiona Sturges

"ASK THEM if they take drugs," whispered the hack next to me as an imperious record company executive ordered us to "Stop talking. Let's have one question at a time". But just as we began to muster the confidence to ask a suitably probing question, the tacky Euro-popsters Aqua were hastily awarded a prize -we never discovered what for - and swiftly ushered out of the room.

The question "what for?" was on all our lips for the duration of this most extravagant press junket. When a band hauls 100 British journalists overseas, you can usually guarantee that they have got something big to promote. But according to Aqua's publicists, we were invited to Copenhagen simply because the hand wanted to "give some-thing back to those who had supported them" and enable us to experience" Aqua live.

You can't have missed Aqua's rise to superstardom. These sugarcoated Scandinavians, led by supertrendy singer Lene and booming rapper Rene, captured the imagination of millions of pre-teens last year, driving the rest of us insane, with the relentlessly catchy "Barbie Girl", a happy-clappy and utterly trashy Euro-pop satire on those ubiquitous playthings, Ken and Barbie. The song elicited such outrage from Barbie doll manufacturers that they took Aqua's label to court claiming unwarranted damage to their

product's squeaky-clean image. Aqua's album, Aquarium, containing 12 songs fashioned with the same Barbie formula - chirpy vocals, tinny techno, repetitive choruses - has sold 12 million copies worldwide.

But what with "Barbie Girl" being branded by HMV's customers as the most irritating pop song of all time, their record company knew it would take more than just a free drink to get us there. We were shamelessly

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wooed by the promise of a private jet adorned with the Aqua insignia, an audience with the band and a depraved night in foreign climes. As it transpired, the "private jet" was a British Airways aeroplane with a giant sticker slapped on to the tail, and the audience with the band was a five-minute press conference with a hasty handshake at the end.

Yoo couldn't help but feel sympathy for Steve and Key, a pair of genuine Aqua fans, who, having won a

competition on MTV to fly to Copenhagen with the band, found themselves on a hand-me-down BA plane with one hundred disorderly hacks. Though they put on a brave face for reputation has remained spotless. most of it, at the end of the scandalously brief "meet'n'greet", they were somewhat incensed:

"We were promised 12 hours with the band and we have had 7 minutes so far," declared Kev. "This lot couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery.

Following in the footsteps of their predecessors, 2 Unlimited and Whigfield, Aqua have displayed all the classic characteristics of the here today-gone-tomorrow teen pop band. They project a clean-cut cartoon-like image for the parents and underpinned it with a hint of naughtiness to entice the kids. They have recognised the value of repetition, display an irrepressible predilection for kitsch, and swell with pride at the uggestion that their music is outand-out bubblegum schlock (though after a few too many beers, a record company representative revealed it to be a "load of bollocks".

They have played it to perfection so far, having refused to show up any potential inadequacies by playing live in Britain, doing selective interviews (we are informed in no uncertain terms that there will be no private interviews on this trip), and appearing oo every possible UK pop programme to bood with their

fans. And despite the efforts of the tabloids to steep them in smut -Lene was once accused of being Posh Spice's lesbian lover - their

But though Aqua confidently in-form us during the press confer-ence that they are currently "writing" another album due for release in the summer next year, you get the feeling that they know their number is nearly up. This at least would explain the enormous scale of our excursion.

Later on, Aqua tried to lure us into their fantastic, plastic world with fire-works, an inflatable octopus and a Peter Pan act at Copenhagen's famous Tivoli Gardens. At the start of the show, Lene bound on to the stage wearing a pair of skin-tight jeans with lasciviously located holes across her behind, shouting in Danish, "Do you want to see my arse?", while Rene gadded about in a spaceman outfit. Musically, they failed to sustain any significant presence as their set became a series of extravagant gimmicks, but Steve and Kev were entranced and rolled up their sleeves to reveal Aqua tattoos on their upper arms. When interrogated, they boasted an irony-free devotion to the band. This trip may have been a complete shambles but I still love them," said Kev. "They're just a good laugh. And let's face it, nobody will ever forget the



Aqua: all the gravity of a ball of fluff



Party animals and creature comforts

THE CREATURES (aka Siouxsie Sioux and drummer-consort Budgie) were always a little branch on the Banshees tree. Three years ago, the main trunk was felled and, at ULU on Friday, that little branch

Well, sort of The Creatures are bolstered by two newly-recruited guitarists. And as the team tumbled into the glitter-ball goth of new single "2nd Floor" a lack of cohesion was evident. The point is, Sioux took it in her stride. A dead ringer for Tiff's mum, Louise, in EastEnders

served, "Yeah, we're back, slicker

Sbe's a lot of things, is our Sioux, but she's not too cool for school. Pretentious, sure, but unlike the PJ Harveys of this world, also ordinary and utterly unselfconscious. On Friday, her exotic flailings, the exaggerated stuff of a silent movie vamp, often appeared ludicrous. The material much of it from recent EP Eraser Cut - blurred into one long, percussive rant. And even old favourites like "Miss The Girl" failed to elec-. trify. Yet the effect, as a whole, was:

Rock couples (Ike and Tina,

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Sonny and Cher) tend not to do the institution of marriage any favours. but Sioux and one-time Slits drummer Budgie are enchanting. At one point, he strapped on a guitar and she tried a bit of Rank films-style tubthumping. Every now and again she looked across. Each time, Budgie grinned reassurance.

With the encore, the mood turned

positively cosy. And, true to form, licentious. Siouxsie, having dispensed with the cymbals-as-breast-plates routine, had by this time stripped down to chest-clenching top, to a round of wolf whistles from her balding male fans and the sizeable lesbian contingent. She then beckoned on two strapping "gals" and merrily growled the 1983 hit "Right Now". Some might see it as pandering to the masses, but chartfriendly covers are OK by Sioux, even those from the Banshees oeuvre. She ends on "The Passenger" and the whole sweaty room begins to bump 'n' grind. And the gals on

stage pop their fingers. One woman shouts in my ear, "I'm oot being homophobic, but I'm sick of drag queens". Everyone else, though, is tickled pink, Think Joy Division at

"Goodnight" cried Sioux, as bunches of flowers flew on to the stage. "See you tomorrow!"

Tomorrow? From anyone else it would have been arrogance. But she knows what we know. Though a somewhat stunted section of the rock family tree, The Creatures' branch is still good for a swing.

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THE FIRST AND LAST RECORDS BOUGHT BY ALI CAMPBELL OF UB40

First Record: **Dandy Livingstone** Reggae In Your Jeggae

"Suzanne Beware of the Devil" was the name of Dandy's hit in the middle Seventies, and anyone that knows reggae will know that track. My cousin Debbie had this record and she was a bit of a hippy at the time. I loved reggae music even though I could only have been eight or nine. I was only ten when the Barrett Brothers came about. For me, they invented reggae, although it was Toots (of the Maytals) who gave it the term. This album is a classic; it's reggae as it was when I was growing up. The beat is

the difference in reggae, ska and

rock steady. Livingstone's reggae is the one-drop beat which changed dramatically when Siy [Dunbar] and Robbie [Shakespeare] came along.

Original reggae was an offbeat drum and on-beat bass. Then Sly and Robbie changed it around at the beginning of the Eighties to on-beat drum and off-beat bass. I have talked to Sly about this - who is my hero - and he agrees with everything I say, What I like about it is you can see reggae coming full circle; it was Aston Barrett who gave Robbie Shakespeare his first guitar when he was sixteen and the first thing he played was "Concrete Jungle" with Bob Marley and the Wail-

ers. That is why I love these people - it has nothing to do cabessa Records. It's my third with ego - they are just delightful and love the work."

Mr Don Yute and Mr Vegas

Last Record:

sing-jays compilation tape "This stuff is going to turn the reggae scene on its arse. I live and I grow around reggae music. There is no point in me buying records because the way to get them before the normal release date is to buy compilation tapes like this, or sound-system tapes. Mr Vegas and Don Yute are absolutely brilliant superstars. After hearing this I got them to

work on my new record label

go at a label, third time lucky. We are having great success with a Mr Vegas speed garage mix. It's a crossover between garage, speed garage and dancehall - what I like to call "speed-hall". We are producing different stuff for this project called the B15 project. It's a bit like a new movement. They are all up-and-coming youths in their early twenties. Basically we are working with all the kids that are mashing it up, man. We are on fire at the moment you can't put us out."

> INTERVIEW BY JENNIFER RODGER

SLEEVENOTES

THE ENTIRE music industry decamped to the In The City music festival in Manchester this week. With venues like The Castle being without a stage and a viewing point right next to the band, A&R men, record label bosses and talent scouts have quite literally found themselves in the backroom. The general idea of going to In The City is to visit as many venues as possible (and with six on one street, you're looking at a messy picture), do the walk, talk the talk and, as a result, get an idea of the oext big thing. There are over 50 unsigned bands to digest. If the crush to see the Twisted Nerve Records showcase with Badly Drawn Boy is anything to go by, the real buzz, however, is around established acts. Otherwise, the unsigned bands are looking to emulate previous In The City success stories, such as Welsh trio Stereophonics, Kula Shaker, Catatonia, Oasis and Idlewild.

So much for "being real". All Saints' lawyers are currently putting together an out-of-court settlement with a couple of American singer-songwriters that may or may not include 2200,000 of their "Never Ever" royalties. Sean Mather and

Robert Jazzieri have claimed they wrote the music for the song with Shaznay Lewis back in 1996. The band have also coughed up to Minder Music over songwriting credits for the track "Let's Get Started".

Nominations for the Music of Black Origin (MOBO) have been announced. Media coverage has picked up from last year's understated Carlton broadcast with a Channel 4 screening on 14 October. Plus they have scooped Spice Girl Mel B to co-host the show with Bill Bellamy from MTV. Nominees range from Stardust's "Music Sounds Better" to Beenie Man's "Who Am I".

Meanwhile, as R&B powerhouse Motown enjoys it's 40thanniversary, its staff are wondering whether it will survive the merger between Universal Music and Polygram (which owns Motown). Despite its library of hits, it continues to falter in the face of competition from LaFace, Bad Boy and RuffHouse Records.

The sex, drugs and rock and roll lifestyle isn't satisfying all pop stars. After not acting in Australia for a decade, Kylie

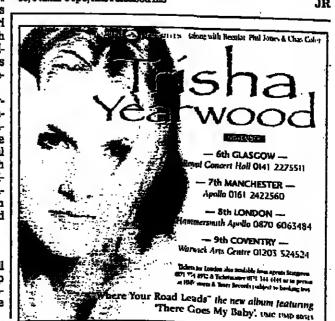
vately-financed local films.

While over in New York, grunge-hopster Beck has been doing something called "Fluxus". "[Fluxus] means stationary non-movement. It also means art without any kind of faggy artist's intentions," said Beck. With his mother, Beck shot cap guns at paper planes while shouting random phrases into a knee-high microphone.

One of our own mad geniuses, Julian Cope, has released his

Minogue is to star in two pri-third book, called The Modern Antiquarian. It includes poems, thoughts and fantasies inspired by the 400 megalithic sites around Britain.

> Wall of Sound, phat beat pioneers, has signed an international licensing deal with Virgin Records. Label guv Mark Jones signed it at QPR's Loftus Road where Virgin has reserved an executive box for him.



THIS WEEK'S ALBUM RELEASES

REVIEWED BY ANDY GILL



MARILYN MANSON Mechanical Animals Nothing/Universal/Interscope

IN CASE you've been off-planet the past few years, Marilyn Manson is the latest American androgyne perv bogeyman, sent to terrify liberals just as much as right-wing fundamentalists. Glorifying in their anathematical stance as regards religion, morality and society in general, Marilyn and his band bear out the old Jefferson Airplane cod-revolutionary boast that "Everything they say we are, we are", diligently seeking out new and hideous forms of degradation to celebrate. And if they run out of ideas, well, so much the better. As Marilyn sneers here: "I was a nibilist, and now

I'm just too fucking bored." Following swiftly on the heels of the band's stop gap Remix And Repent package, Mechanical Animals offers a more sinister take on the same theme as Radiohead's "Paranoid Android", depicting a modern world in which the more noble aspects of humanity have been worn threadbare by drugs and a fixation with celebrity sleaze. Which is fair enough in principle, except that even a Sunday Sport gossip columnist would have to go

The Musician's Union have

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Revenue asking that rock

at 35 years of age, rather

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some to be quite as obsessed with sleaze and drugs as Marilyn Manson him/themselves. The centrepiece here is the single "The Dope Show", in which, to a backing of chunky, rough-trade rock, celebrity is celebrated as narcotic in nature. To illustrate this, the band are represented in the CD booklet as a fictive unit called Omega And The Mechanical Animals, a thinly-dis-

guised take on Ziggy and the Spiders.

This is the shortcoming of Mechanical
Animals. For all its brusque musicalityformer Material singer Michael Beinhorn's production certainly gives it the focused power largely absent from its Trent Reznor-produced predecessor - it's still essentially just a retread of ideas done to death by glam and punk. As Marilyn admits in "Rock Is Dead", "Rock is deader than dead/Shock is all in your head/Your sex and your dope is all that we're fed". Which leaves them in the gutter, staring at the stars like all self-romanticising bohemians. Except that in Marilyn's view, "In space the stars are no nearer/They just glitter like a morgue". Cheers!



Electro-Shock Blues

LIKE LOU Reed's rather more sombre Magic And Loss, Electro-Shock Blues is a series of reactions to the creeping mortality claiming the friends and family of Eels claiming the friends and family of Eels' songwriter E. He starts with a lovely little ditty about his sister's suicide, "Elizabeth On The Bathroom Floor", and just keeps on chickling. "Cancer For The Cure", "Hospital Food", "My Descent Into Madness", "Going To Your Funeral" (Parts 1 and 2) – a parade of occasionally droll melancholia dressed in whimsical, Beck-ish backings. It's an intelligent innocent's impressions of illness and bereavement, the depth of grief betrayed by the deceptive flippancy of the CD booklet cartoons, particularly that of a tombstone bearing the inscription "Sing Along At Home". Dead funny, eh?

This is dark, dark stuff, unflinching in its detail – "So I know you're going pretty soon/Radiation sore throat got your

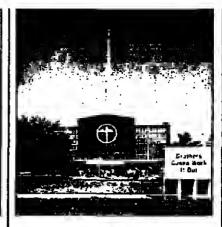
soon/Radiation sore throat got your tongue" - yet drily elegant in its emotional responses; hut like the Lou Reed album, it's ultimately of questionable appeal outside the context of E's therapeutic needs. It does, however, allow him to join Marilyn Manson in viewing drugs as a metaphor for society, though in his case rather less recreational than medicational. Here's hoping for all our sakes that the numbness which settled with "Novocaine For The Soul" really is lifting with the penultimate track, "The Medication Is Wearing Off".



PAITHLESS Sunday 8pm

THIS EAGERLY-awaited follow-up to 1996's multi-million-selling Reverence holds no great surprises, unless sustained excelence is so rare as to be surprising. Faithless blends its diverse talents - the keyboard skills of Sister Bliss, the under-stated rapping of Maxi Jazz, the song-writing of Jamie Catto and the programming of Rollo (who co-produces with Sister Bliss) into poised, Massive Attack-style grooves, carefully augmented here by strings, percussion, and the unobtrusive guitar of Dave Randall.

Opening with the pastoral instrumen-tal, "The Garden", as delicate as dew on spiders webs at dawn, Sunday 8pm reaches its peak with "I Want My Family Back", a crepuscular creep through murky streets, featuring Maxi's deadpan, cleareyed rap about the pervasive anxiety of our society: "A crash in the economy robbed me of my family/And no strategy combats negative equity/So that's it/Like violence, it's drastic'. A subtle, intelligent performance which helps restore faith in a genre tiresomely prope to violent boasting and sexist crowing. Elsewhere, guest vocalists Boy George, Rachael Brown and Dido provide alternative focuses of interest, the latter most impressively on "Hem Of His Garment", turning the old gospel plea inside out by admitting she has been "touched by the hem of his garment".

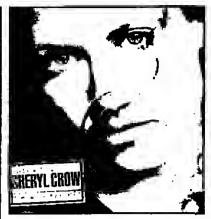


THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS Brothers Gonna Work It Out

NOT THE third Chemical Brothers album proper, but that least enticing of contemporary artforms, a DJ Mix album. But where some DJ mixes barely even bother to segue properly between their bought-by-the-batch disco cuts, in Tom and Ed's case it's more appropriate to talk in terms of sound sculpture. Here, they offer five tracks of between 10 and 20 minutes apiece, each mixed from about the same number of records, with fragments from such as Kenny Dope, Love Corporation and the Unique 3 spun into new

sonic concoctions.

The most entertaining is probably the opening mix, which effortlessly spans decades by blending Willie Hutch's "Brother's Gonna Work It Out" with the Jimmy Castor Bunch's "It's Just Begun" and a couple of the Brothers' own numbers; and the fourth track, on which they pay homage to influences like Renegade Soundwave and Meat Beat Manifesto, with the latter's "Mars Needs Women" answered by the cry of "I want my planet back" from Dubtribe Sound System's "Mother Earth". Also included are their charmingly idiosyncratic remixes of the Manics' "Everything Must Go" - from which just about everything has indeed guoe – and Spiritualized's "I Think I'm In Love", which hrings things to a suitably chilled conclusion.



SHERYL CROW The Globe Sessions

HER THIRD album extends Shcryl Crow's songcraft in several directions, the most appealing of which is the warm, rolling 'It Don't Hurt', a carnival whirl of organ, au-toharp, violin and National guitar whipped to a light froth by Crow and mixer Tchad Blake, Less appealing is the streak of Ala-nis-style psychodrama that has crept into songs like "Am I Getting Through (Parts I & II)", a fearsome harangue rather like

overhearing an argument in a restaurant. In between are more of the sort of songs which are Crow's stock-in-trade: glib, oddly pointless tales which sound like songs, but not in any compelling sense. There's oo suggestioo that you might eocumter mystery or revelation in them, just sharm-dog parrative with an attitude a shaggy-dog narrative with an attitude. She encapsulates her own problem in the Tinseltown shallowness of "There Goes The Neighborhood", where "the movie of the screenplay of a book about a girl who loved a junkie" swiftly degenerates into apathetic irony: "We can't be certain who the villains are 'cos everyone's so pretty/But the after-party's sure to be a winding as it moves into your city." The no Dylan song, "Mississippi", a singalor romp, lent a curious gipsy flavour hy olin and Chamberlain strings, rath shows up her material – and shows up Bob can still crank out a surefire hit if fancy takes him, too.

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> than at the current lowest limit of 50. Their argument is that pop stardom, is in some cases, a short-lived career.

LYRIC SHEETS

MARTIN NEWELL

Pop Stars' Pensions Direct debit Elephants' Graveyard The end of The Yellow Brick Road

To ask for his sorting code The sensible matter of pensions For the short-lived supremos of rock Where you call Sun Life Cos your second wife

Wants the giveaway radio clock

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When it's time for a personal pension And the game's moved on up the field Should you quell your fears Buying 'added years' To top up the main-scheme yield?

Should you take up a hobby like gardening Bid adieu to the world of Mammoo When a gram of toot's No substitute For a nice bit of sockeye salmon?

If you want to move into 'Dungiggin' At the end of a hrilliant career You should have enough cash For the Rotary bash On a 9 per cent growth rate per year.

For the keenest of fans will stop coming And the comedown's too awful to mention Stadium to radium Via Londoo Palladium Pity the star with no pension.

Heaven is when life is sweet

TWO SONGS into "A Close Encounter with Maria McKee" and the erstwhile Lone Justice could be singing about the effecther last album seems to

have had on her career. masses with the horribly light- with Geffen. Which is why she weight "Show Me Heaven" but is playing this touching-base her towering 1996 album Life gig, showcasing oew material is Sweet ditched MTV-friend- and stripping the epics from ly fluff for a sound pitched Life is Sweet down for a threesomewhere between John piece line-up. At first, the ten-Cale, David Bowie, Patti Smith sion of playing it so bare and, at a pinch, Suede. Mixing shows. McKee snaps at a heckavant-garde song structures ler (they asked for it) who

with red raw vocals, raging gui-tar abuse, intricately confessional lyrics and a soaring pop singer is crying "Suicide!" She streak, it was a brave and brilliant way of reinventing herself.

and baroque orchestrations moans about her sitting down,

MARIA MCKEE DINGWALLS LONDON

bought it and McKee conse- "Life is Sweet" attacks her something obscene about her mother. One song in, and she already sounds like her own orchestra.

That it soon makes sense is because these songs thrive on melodrama. "I'm chuckling now," McKee grins, "but guess what's coming oext." A breathtakingly overwrought "I'm Not

guitars and aching strings, probably because Life is Sweet's extravagant arrangements grow organically from the songs anyway.

Regardless of the minimal delivery, the new material sounds more ambitious and uncompromising still. If having no record deal has given Maria suffered from comparisons

Listening" follows, sounding McKee the opportunity to do more like a deranged tribute to what she wants then, in the years back, when women will Whotever Hoppened to Boby short term at least, it's a fine Jone? than ever.

> litany of the insecur mivering plague relationships, while another ooe huilds like "Life is Sweet" spliced with Suede's "New Generation", and features some beautifully earthy lyrics about "our heads down the toilet".

It is bizarre to think that this woman's record sales probably

with Alanis Morissette ti cranked-up guitars were and way of reinventing herself.

Even the magnificantly be My Joy transcends its one glossy magazine covered to course, almost no one and on the usually plaintive murky and swaggering This gauche title with some ragged—story after another. In reality ought it and McKee conse "Life is Sweet" attacks her Perfect Dress works, shorn of lurches in tempo and a spare the comparison stretches little that further than them both h women who sing.

"I'm so full of grand ideas," McKee sings oo a new song. Try saying that about Ms Morissette. Now all she needs is a label hrave enough to sign her, so that we can hear them properly.

KEVIN HARLEY

Definitely mad, but there's a rhythm to it

discovered 21-year-old Damo Suzuki busking in Munich in 1970. Apparently risking starvation through his ineptitude, he

ORDINARY BANDS find them- the mainstream, with their emselves a new singer through a phasis on rhythm over structure wanted ad in the music press. and their love of repetition. But German avant garde rock-ers Can were no ordinary band. Their influence on acts as dis-parate as Primal Scream, Having lost their previous front-man to psychiatric advice, they noodlers Tortoise is profound. And they all had excellent

intellectual credentials, of course: most of them were in their thirties and some had was recruited on the spot, making his debut that very night.

The hugely influential band, created as an experiment in differential approaches approaches the presence of a Japanese hippie, struggling with the English language – no, any language – remains vivid in the memory. studied with Stockhausen. Yet ferent musical approaches -remains vivid in the memory.

rather than a vehicle to perform After three years, Suzuki beconventional songs, anticipated came a Jehovah's Witness and many trends now accepted in quit music.

NETWORK THE GARAGE, LONDON

And that would be that - just another German Seventies cultural curiosity like urban terrorism, the Green movement: a Manist captain of the national football team complete with funky afro. But the sell out crowd is curious to see Suzuki's first serious performance in two decades, and delightfully he seems to have stepped out of an old photograph with long hair, beard, and dreadful striped cotton trousers. Backed by various

drummer Manni Neumeier of that other defiantly unclassifi-Guru Guru, and crack saxo- able Seventies outfit, Funkadelphonist Gert Dudeck, they ic, while Suzuki happily kicked hard into what was basically two hours of improvised jazz-rock often the worst music in the world hut tonight fre-

quently astonishing. Young guitarist Alexander Schnert, separated at hirth from Karoli circa 1972, was at pains to point out that the mu- and Dudeck was incandescent sicians had not played together before, but there were few clues, save the inevitable collapse at each oumber's finish. The sheer rhythmic kick, car-

Krautrock veterans, including ried by bassist Mandjao Fati, calling us all "beautiful people" Can-mate Michael Karoli, ace was distinctly reminiscent of as the audience filled the stage

rambled indecipherably. Only three Can songs were performed, including a primitive "Mother Sky" and a frantic "Hallehrwah", though their signature sound of murky basslines and taut echoing snare was intact throughout, oo the quite brilliant encore of "Mushroom". Best of all, a primitive soul groove became a euphoric marvel, Suzuki

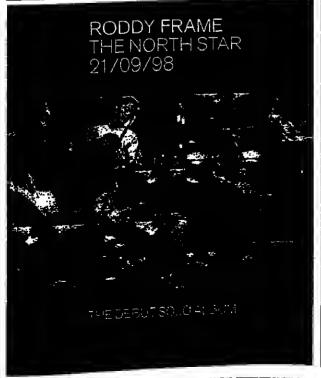
yelling an impromptu hook,

as the audience filled the stage. Damo was so reluctant to leave, you suspect he was an outstandingly persistent Jehovah's Witness.

With Germany currently producing interesting and approachable experimental music from the likes of Tarwater and Mouse On Mars, it seems an ideal time to reappraise its heritage. Unbelievably, this didn't sound like a middle-aged jam fest, it sounded like a living alternative. Still mad, and defi-

STEVE JELBERT

Simply blue



TOO OFTEN, the sound bite culture reduces talent to a few tabloid catch-phrases. Mick Hucknall, the man who is Simwomanising pop star when he's not vilified as a tax exile

Labour Government. since the mid-Eighties), Huck- Isaacs' sleazy "Night Nurse" essentially is an emotive in- "It's Only Love". terpreter of both his and other people's material. Launching into the jazzy the foreplay continues and we

"Sad Old Red", Hucknall

throws a few shapes like a sea-

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ply Red, is portrayed as a jokingly lears to the predominantly female audience, behe's not vilified as a tax exile fore switching to a cover of Neil supporter of Tony Blair's Young's "Mellow My Mind".

Hucknall has impeccable However, these clichés can taste, for the most part. When make us ignore the most cru- he's not collaborating with cial thing about the singer. Crusader Joe Sample or Lahis voice. Opening a series of mont Dozier, or giving his own sold-out concerts at the pres- financial backing to Blood and the Simply Red frontman tigious, yet intimate, Lyceum Fire, the re-release reggae (not used as a music venue label, he's covering Gregory nall grabs the chance to re-es- Dennis Brown's "Ghetto Girl" tablish himself as what he or Barry Whita's sensuous Indeed, as red drapes fall be-

hind the 12-piece orchestra,

enter the boudoir with "Thrill

a designer silk ensemble. Blue album, the singer has

"Come and take me home," he suffered in love himself re-

cently and, at times, seems to he performing accordingly, though neither an inflection, nor a rasp are ever out of tune.

Beaming through a crowdpleasing finale of "Holding Back The Years", "Stars" and The Valeotine Brothers' "Money's Too Tight To Mention", before encoring with "If You Don't Know Me By Now", "Something Got Me Started" and the joyous "Fairground", proves time and time again that his music has little in common with the designer funk of M-People or Lisa Stansfield, Rather, it belongs to the great British tradition of blue-eyed soul that embraces Rod Stewart, Robert Palmer and Paul Young.

Me". As documented in the self- A persion of this review soned soul pro, resplendent in penned songs of the current appeared in later editions of yesterday's paper PIERRE PERRONE



To the voice, with love

The composer Jonathan Dove thrives on possibility. So when Glyndebourne asked him to create a 'community' opera, his imagination soared. By Edward Seckerson

piece lasts a mere 30 seconds and has been heard literally hundreds of times. During 1995 - the BBC's British Music Year and Purcell Tercentenary -you couldn't switch on Radio 3 without hearing it. Even Brian Kay's Sunday Morning show adopted it. It was the very model of a modern musical monogram, a logo with aspirations, a jingle with airs.

Two airs actually, both by Purcell.

Dove's brief was simple: gestate from a period to present day sound, make it pithy and proud and insidi-ously memorable. And so his piping rendition of "Hark the Echoing Air" effloresced into a sumptuous soundbite of Purcell's greatest hit, "Fairest Isle", and all in no more time than it takes to sell the very latest brand of environmentally friend-

But you learnt a lot about Jonathan Dove from those 30 seconds: his personality; his wit; his sense of timing; his love of melody and ear for sonority; and his ability to inhabit the moment and make it count. To make more of less, and make it to measure. In the few seconds that it takes "Fairest Isle" to achieve lift-off, a tiny drama has been enacted. The duration may be fleeting but the scale is operatic; the theatricality inescapable.

Then you learn that, as a boy, Dove designed and built model theatres in which his creative imagination was foelled by ever more elaborate lighting and special effects, and that for the past eight years he's been music adviser to the Almeida Theatre ("advising Jonathan Kent to use his music"), underscoring the drama of every crisis to befall the likes of Medea, Hamlet, and currently Phèdre. A pattern begins to emerge in whice , at see where this eminently practical, bands-on mosician is com-

On account of his love of singing ("other people's"), he initially served his apprenticeship as a répétiteur (a wanted better to understand these unique musicians whose instruments and bodies were one and the opinion, he is busily considering the same. He imagined himself as a alternatives diving down yet another Mozart or a Rossini, tailoring music to very specific individuals.

His piano playing was, by all accounts, "orchestral". Which stood him in good stead when the City of Birmingham Touring Opera - a company dedicated to refreshing the parts opera doesn't normally reach - asked him to arrange a at the dots on the page, asking him- dreds of people, whatever their mu-

onathan Dove's shortest self why they were there, what sical skills, excited far more than it effect they were having, had suddenly paid off with interest.

"In substituting a chamber orchestra for a symphony orchestra, you're obviously aiming for the same effect; the same feeling. But you can't achieve that simply by taking instruments away. You have to put something else back

His daring two (instead of four) evening adaptations of Wagner's Ring (or Ringlet as it was known at



The first music we hear in 'Flight' reaches out to the blue beyond, borne aloft on arpeggiated air currents

the time) put more back than anyone could have imagined possible. This was the Powerbook as opposed to the Desktop Ring, Faster, sleeker, but big on megabytes. Believing it was possible made it possible.

Dove chases possibilities like versation with him is nothing if not tangential. Even as he offers you an blind alley just for the hell of it. The point is, he says, you never quite know what you'll find there.

asked him to get involved in local Community Opera projects, it was the "not knowing" which attracted him. The idea that a whole community could help compose and series of major works for small or- then sing its own story; that you chestra. All that time spent staring could harness the energies of hun-

intimidated him.

So what if all that turned up on your first day were 25 grade five flautists, a corps of drums, an ac-cordion band and a yodelling harmonica player (yes, really). That, says
Dove, is liberating, idea-making, that
is when the imagination really kicks
in. And where it leads, you follow.

In Hastings, it was the ballroom at the end of the pier. In Ashford, a team of graffiti artists (some awaiting trial, some working off their community service) transformed the local sports centre to tell of the impact of Eurotumnel on their close knit town. When French workmen finally broke through the tunnel wall, the accordion band came in very handy. Most recently, there was In Search of Angels - the building of Peterborough Cathedral, culminating in 600 amateur performers promenading to the local shopping mall where angels came down the escalators.

So never let it be said that Dove hasn't journeyed to arrive at his first full-length opera for a major house. It's called Flight and takes off from Glyndebourne next Thursday, courtesy of Glyndebourne Touring Opera Gt lands in the main house next summer), in a production by Richard Jones. The libretto is by April de Angelis and took as its starting point the true story of a refugee living in Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Flight-the opera, the concept, the word - conjures up many associations for Dove: excitement, adventure, escape, dreams, an encounter with things foreign. The airport is the place where many stories meet. Everyday stories, but here they take on a magical and mythical aura.

And so the first music we hear reaches out to the blue beyond (sky music), an aspiring theme borne aloft on arpeggiated air currents, the natural sound of the harmonic series. It's a singing theme, just as Flight is a "singing" opera. Typically for Dove, it's led by its vocal lines, and they in turn by a songfulness which inrays his love of the huma voice. The effect, he says, is invariably much fuller and richer than can be accounted for by just the notes on the page. That's singers for you their personality; their individuality; their "special" notes.

Melody is always there for Dove. When Glyndehourne Opera Pulse is always there, too. The combination of both gives his music its imperative. It's little wonder his favourite composer is Igor Stravinsky. But melody prevails. Melody would seem to be the channel through which everything in Dove's music flows. In that, he is truly a child of the lyric stage.



comes into contact with a line of text, melody will out. He's drawn to melody that bears some relationship to the most natural kind of song-to folksong. Which means that it doesn't imply a continually shifting harmony. It is what it is. And there's more than a dash of musical comedy in his flights of vocal fancy. He likes Stephen Sondheim (don't we all). But he likes singers better than Sondheim does. And it shows.

"I suppose you could say that I'm drawn to drama but need to proceed in a lyric way. I love hearing other

can't do it myself. So 1 suppose I'm constantly searching for a lyric expression for dramatic situations."

So is everything Dove writes essentially theatrical? Is all his music driven by an extra-musical narrative of some kind? He pauses for thought. Another debate is brewing. My tape is running out. "I suppose you always want to avoid starting with a blank page. So a piece like my "Saxophone Quartet" began with a series of abstract musical ideas but only really began turning

a long absence and gradually settling upon one subject that all four wanted to talk about in some depth and collective Harmony."

So the musical gamesmanship which Dove enjoys – usually involves the free association of ideas. Dove's is freer than most. When BT commissioned him to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association of British Orchestras, his fertile imagination took this course: British orchestras, celebration, bells, bell-ringing, "this ringing isle" (Han-

this sceptred isle, Prospero... And so there emerged a semi-pictorial, semiaural image of a magical tintinnabulating island, seen at first from a distance but gradually drawing clos-

er. The Ringing Isle took shape. Benjamin Britten was once asked what he regarded as the main requirements for an opera composer. He replied: "The ability to write many different kinds of music." 1 guess we now know where that leaves Jonathan Dove. Opens Thurs (booking: 01273 813813)

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THE WEEK ON RADIO REVIEWED BY BAYAN NORTHCOTT

ble Radio 3 companion to countless Saturday mornings. "People don't want to hear about a lot of crackly old vinyl," Hilary Boulding, Radio 3 Commissioning Editor, Music (Policy), has allegedly remarked. Ac-cordingly, the programme's three regular presenters, Richard Osborne, Anthony Burton and Jonathan Swain, with their vastly varied range of expertise, have been sacked; the surveys of archive re-issues and, doubtless, the earnest discussions of centemporary music releases, largey abandoned. Instead, we have CD Review, fronted by the single, bland persona of Andrew McGregor, Admittedly one tried

SO FAREWELL, then,

Record Review - venera-

fresh from On Air. and trusted feature remains: Building a Library - though demoted from the programme's opening 40 minutes to a slot two thirds through and, in last Saturday's first edition, reduced to half an hour. Yet what exemplary use the inimitable Geoffrey Smith of Jazz Record Requests made of the time in his survey of nine current recordings of Gershwin's An American in Paris. The work's origins and structure were deftly outlined and precise insights were offered into its pacing and style. Excitement can be generated without born-

bast, Smith argued, and too many conductors fail to realise that the dance tune of Gershwin's final section is a twenties Charleston, not a thirties Big Band number - and should be played with a clipped ragtime based elegance.

But as for the rest... Where Record Review devoted up to a third of its ing complete pieces from the discs under discussion. the new programme proposes to give over some 40 minutes to a single Disc of the Week - last Saturday the re-issue of Carlos Kleiber's justly famous but. by now, pretty familiar recording of Beethoven's Seventh. And before that as if three and a half hours of Joan Bakewell's Artist of the Week, Sean Rafferty's daily In Tune interviews and now a new Saturday afternoon series of Artists' Question Time, were not enough - we have yet another artist interview slot. Granted, that gifted young tenor Ian Bostridge is more articulate than most. and had some interesting things to say on escaping the shadow of Peter Pears. But m general, one suspects this plethora of artists' chat is simply chesper to put on than Let the real limitation of CB Review looks like

being its paucity of actual

reviews. McGregor himself

offered a brief opening selection of recent releases plus a mid-point Bargain Basement trawl of cheaper discs with such original observations as Shostakovich really wearing his heart on his sleeve' and "sounds as though it should hold its own." And after Geoffrey Smith's Gershwin McGregor finished with some vaguely

jazz-related releases. The most ominous item. however, was the one socalled Special Interest review: last Saturday, Lucy Skeaping on Baroque Con-certos. For it was difficult to believe that a musician as informed as Ms Skeaping could write such a script, or that producers as competent as Clive Portbury and Susan Kenyon should consent to record it. without the heaviest pressure from above to spoonfeed "accessibility" like pap. "There's an awful lot of talk these days about authenticity," she brightly began, as if we had all been born yesterday. Later she suggested that JS Bach would have found it as difficult to understand the music of his sons, as "Bip Hop to those of us raised on Frank Sinatra". But the ultimate was her kindergarten-coy praise of a Vivaldi release: "You'd find it hard to have on as background music - but

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FRIDAY REVIEW dear IN September 1908

Mahler. And nothing but

his weekend one of the world's leading Mahlerians will sweep into London to preside over a symposium, launch a oudget edition of his prize-winning Mahler recording and conduct some Mahler at the Royal Albert Hall. He has recently been giving Mahler masterclasses to fledgling conductors in St Petersburg, and he will soon be doing the same in London. Gilbert Kaplan is, by any standards, a hot gun.

But the funny thing is this: apart from the Adagietto of Mahler's Fifth Symphony (as in Visconti's film, Death in Venice) the only music Kaplan conducts is Mahler's gigantic

Second Symphony. Flatter him or batter him, you will never get him to conduct anything else. For this 56-year-old New York publishing millionaire is determined to preserve the purity of his obsession, which began when he was taken by a friend to a rehearsal of the aforesaid work.

"It was like a bolt of lightning going through me," he says. "I can't explain why: I could describe all its remarkable aspects, but you could say the same of Beethoven's Ninth or Mozart's G Minor. I can only liken it to a love affair, where you can say how you feel, but not why."

He spent the next year acquiring the elements of the conductor's craft, and travelled the world attending every performance of the



CHURCH

Gilbert Kaplan's strength is that he has absorbed every indication Mahler made on the score

symphony he could find. Then, exercising the privilege of wealth, he hired an orchestra and conducted it himself. "That was supposed to be the first and last time I ever conducted," he says. "It was never my ambition to become a conductor. Even now, I don't regard myself as part of the conducting profession -I don't agree with amateurs meddling in a professional world."

Yet this is a man who gives masterclasses! You could not wish for a neater conundrum. Is conducting, like photography - on a good day we can all take Cartier-Bressons – a mere knack?

Some surprising people think so,

man, who periodically does it himself and regards it as the most bizarre profession of all time. "Well, think about it," he barks. "You're the one person on stage who's facing the wrong way. And how much does the orchestra need you? Very little."

One thinks also of the LPO violist quoted in Danny Danziger's notorious book, The Orchestra: "If you put an egg-beater in front of us, we would still produce a good performance." On the other hand there is plenty of testimony – from players adept at spotting frauds - to the spell woven by the Furtwänglers and Karajans.

So where does Kaplan stand? He does not think physical technique matters much. "No two great conductors do it in remotely the same way, and everyone has their own vocabulary of gesture."

The mark of a good conductor, he says, is the ability to create the sound he has in his head, "always assuming his ideas are good". This is, for him, the crux and this is why he feels entitled to give masterclasses on his chosen work. "I hand out one simple page of the score, and ask the students to mark the things they would look out for. And they usually focus on two or three points. Then I give them another copy of the page where I've put 16 arrows, indicating the points I think are important. Then we discuss, and that discussion can go on for five or six hours."

His strength is that he has ab-

made on the printed score the owns the manuscript, and has published a facsimile edition). "A little more of this, a little less of that, something to create a gasp - that's what makes the music Mahlerian."

And no, he never gets bored with "I follow Mahler's rule that in every performance a work must be reborn. Every time I study a clean, unmarked copy of this score I find something I've missed."

For a businessman with no musical training, who puts in five days a week at the office, all this is disarmingly impressive, as is the fact that he is currently showing his Surrealist art collection in Chicago, but even that brings him back on track. "Mahler may predate Surrealism, but he had as much connection with it as Debussy had with Impressionism. His music puts side by-side some very contradictory pictures."

Meanwhile, wearing yet another hat, Kaplan is now a board member of London's South Bank Centre. which he wants to see taking more creative risks than hitherto. "Better to fail," he says, "than not to try." That is the spirit in which he will take up his baton on 5 October at the Albert Hall.

DEPARTMENT OF premature gush: last Friday I described English National Opera as "a ship in fine shape". Well, fairly fine: on that

including violinist Pinchas Zuker- sorbed every tiny indication Mahler same day, ENO premiered a khaki, Carry On-style Otello which climaxed with all-in wrestling on a camp-bed (the Moor narrowly won on points). How could this happen? Well, it seems reformed-revolu-

tionary director David Freeman is liked by ENO - so easy to work with, such a contrast to "difficult" Graham Vick, whose superb Butterfly, as it happens, is to be revived tonight. When it comes to reviving Otello, they should junk the Freeman travesty and restage its predecessor if it has not been binned - by a certain Dr J Miller.

LIVING IN the shadow of Sadler's Wells, I have watched with amazement its progress towards rebirth. No cock-ups, no stoppages: still at the hard-hat stage, but perfectly on course for its opening in four weeks' time. The sight-lines are excellent, the seats give comfortable leg-room. the place is already looking good. But this week its bosses have been desperately trying to stave off disaster, after learning - from the papers -that the Royal Opera's current mismanagers have cut the RO's planned 25-week season at Sadler's Wells next year.

Sadler's Wells should take heart from a statement in last week's chirpy ROH press release: "There are no short-term cash flow difficulties at the ROH." Screw them for every penny!



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Battle of the centenarians

The classical record industry's two oldest giants are celebrating birthdays in lavish style. By Rob Cowan

THE TRADITIONAL pre-Christmas CD avalanche will gain extra momentum this autumn when two centenarian record means that collectors who labels each launch a celebra- would rather avoid shellac surtory reissue initiative. EMI has face noise can plunge straight 100 "Great Recordings of the in with crackle-free tape, Century" and Deutsche Gram it. The Germans were already

state-of-the-art refurbishment techniques; both are available as single discs; and both will feature favourites, though the differences between them musical, conceptual and historical - are fairly dramatic.

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EMI is phasing its release over a two-year period, with 25 titles due next month, two further groups of 25 due next year, and the remainder to follow in 2000. DG, on the other hand, is giving us the whole package in October. As I write, 63 discs sit on my desk, arranged by year and starting at 1897, when Emil Berliner, the original pioneer of mass-produced 78s, recorded a spoken letter to his sister-in-law. The Municipal Military Band, London took to the studio a year later with Sousa's "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty", hut beam up 43 years on, to Nazi Berlin, and we encounter a 1941 recording of Mozart's Requiem where all references to Jewish biblical names have been expunged (for example, "in Jerusalem" becomes "hic in terra").

DG's set ends with supercharged Beethoven recorded by the Emerson String Quartet in 1997, but chances are that at least a handful of your favoured artists will have cropped up somewhere in between DG's "disc by year" principle prop-

erly starts from 1948 (the previous 50 years are condensed on to the first 10 CDs), which

monkon has its "Centenary recording on tape during the last Collection Both series are of war whereas the new technol.



Karajan's Ring cycle stars

shores. Which is where EMI's roster starts. Perhaps "Great Recordings" should read "Great Sellers", unless you count André Previn's LSO Gershwin or clarinettist Sabine Meyer's Mozart as among the century's recorded miracles. I do not - though Brahms German Requiem, Brain's Mozart horn concertos, Furtwangier's Beethoven Ninth and Richter's Schubert Wanderer Fantosy, lofty reputations

are fully justified. DG prefers the epithet "landmark to "great", though I would count Michelangeli's Debussy Images, Kubelik's Mahler one reliable judge: posterity.

Fourth and Jochum's Bruckner Seventh as equal to anything on EMI's short-list. Some will shake their heads over the inclusion of odd excerpts from longerworks. Most of us would prefer the more reliable evidence of complete performances. Still, the "Centenary Collec-

tion" steals a decided lead on its fered at mid-price; both employ ogy took longer to reach these EMI rival by reinstating to the catalogue some fabulous per formances that have never previously appeared on the domestic CD market, I would cite the set that takes us from 1948 to 1957 (459 067-2, 10 CDs) as being of particular value. There you have such rostrum firebrands as Ferenc Friesay, who galvanizes his players for a white-hot Tchaikovsky's Fifth and the young Lorin Maazel, a passionate guide through Romeo and Juliet as rendered hy Berlioz, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. A youthful Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau balances sensual tone and phrasal intelligence in his first DG recording on DG's centenary CDs of Schumann's Dichterliebe

> of Schubert's G major Quartet. Later volumes feature extended (and very well chosen) excerpts from Herbert von Karajan's complete Ring cycle and such current "house" when it comes to Klemperer's favourites as Claudio Abbado. Anne Sofie von Otter, Gil Shaham. Christian Thielemann John Eliot Gardiner and Mikhail Pletney. The idea, one presumes, is to establish a sort of "centennial continuum", give each period and each artist due acknowledgement, then leave the critical verdict to the

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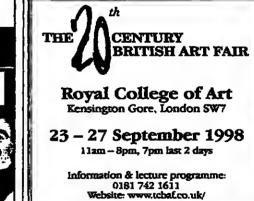
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What speed Wagner?

ALMOST EXACTLY a year ago, the Netherlands Opera introduced Wagner's Das Rheingold into their repertory and so embarked on their first Ring. They will perform the complete cycle four times next June. Over the cycle's previous three parts, Hartmut Haenchen's conducting was shown up as lightweight, while the playing of the Netherlands Philharmonic, the casting and Pierre Audi's production proved consistently worthwhile. Perhaps I was not the only one to criticise the conductor, since he contributes a long, fascinating article to the programme, arguing that faster tempi are what Wagner always wanted. A statistical table shows how contemporary interpreters tend to lengthen the music. Haenchen estimates his own timing at a nippy 13 hours and 50 minutes, seven minutes faster than Pierre

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1952... I set off determined to listen open-eared, ready to be convinced by and converted to Haenchen's "authentic" interpretation. In the event, his performance of Götterdömmerung often dragged; he discovered hints of Sousa in Siegfried's Funeral March and turned the ending into a vainglorious, sentimental and vulgarly

sustained blare. Pierre Audi's production places even more emphasis than usual on Brunnhilde, who emotes throughout most of the Funeral March. Unfortunately, Jeannine Altmeyer proved the major weakness in a strong cast, moving too often in a series of jerky, inhibited lunges, Boulez in 1976, 9 minutes her singing generalised and distorted by harsh, forced tone.

She was not helped by the costume designer, Eiko Ishioka, who never let her out of gloves Kurt Rydl's splendidly virile bare-chested Hagen compelled attention, and Heinze Kruse portrayed Siegfried in a refreshingly unpompous manner and made the role sound easy. Wolfgang Schone's fatuous Gunther, Eva-Maria Bundschuh's sensuous Gutrune Anne Gjevang's fearlessly intense Waltraute, the firstrate Norns and Rhinedaughters all made good use of the walkway around the pit, enhancing their impact on the audience. George Tsypin contributed an impressive set, which was lit brilliantly by Wolfgang Göbbel and animated by Amir Hosseinpour's choreography: the Gibichungs became automata at once comic and smister. 'Götterdammerung' is on 20, 23 and 30 September. Box office:

The barrister who is game for anything

For Michael Beloff QC, going part-time means working in Kuala Lumpur, Jersey and Oxford. By John-Paul Flintoff

EVER HEARD of a lawyer settling your problem overnight? It sounds won, despite it being almost unheard unlikely. But that's precisely what of for the decision of a sport's goving 1994: "[Beloff] does too much Michael Beloff claims he can do.

are unusual. The Hon Michael Beloff QC - to give him his full title - is currently working at the Commonthe only lawyer from Europe on the six-strong panel of the International Court of Arbitration, a group of lawyers originally established to settle disputes at the Olympics. Why Beloff? Because he decided, two years ago, to stop working full-time at the Bar In doing so, he made himself available for a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

If something does come up at the Games, it is likely to be a doping case, an infringement of the advertising arrangements, or perhaps an appeal against some decision. Whatever the problem, it will need a hasty resolution: "The object is to stop people from whizzing off to domestic courts," be explains. "Otherwise you might get some judge putting a stop to the entire games.

Later this month, Beloff will sit for a couple of weeks on the Court of Appeal in the Channel Islands, which, to be frank, sounds relaxing. "It's a marvellous job," says Beloff, "A distinctive legal system, and you can walk along the beach in the sun and go paddling at dawn!"

One other thing that keeps him busy is sitting on the Senior Salaries Review Board, in charge of judicial salaries. "When I was full-time at the Bar, I tried to do pro bono [free] work. Now, if someone wants my time, I can give it free, rather than charging, and feel rather better doing that."

Until a couple of years ago, Beloff earned as much as film a year as one of the country's leading advocates. Sporting disputes were one particular specialism. A reasonable athlete elf ("I won the 100 yards at Eton"), he acted in most of the major doping cases in athletics, and acted for Tottenham Hotspur when the team was excluded from the FA Cup, and had six points deducted for financial irregularities back in the Eighties. "But this was the Nineties, erning body to be overturned. (His reward? "I met Alan Sugar, had lunch at the club, and was given a

signed photograph of the team.") rently working at the Common-wealth Games in Kuala Lumpur He's

But sporting disputes accounted for just a part of his time. Regarded as one of the most versatile barristers of his generation, Beloff took on

Michael Beloff: 'In one week at the Bar, I can earn as much as I could in a year at Trinity College'

and won libel battles, commercial disputes, local government cases and employment tribunals. He acted over the years for clients who included Kevin Maxwell, the Church of Scientology and Gillian Taylforth.

In addition to his heavy caseload (as many as 56 cases in a year), Beloff was joint head of chambers at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square. One of its tenants brought in by Beloff some years ago on recommendation of the current Lord Chancellor - happens to be the Prime Minister's wife, Cherie Booth QC. "Lord Irvine rang me 10 years ago about this young lady barrister," remembers. "He said, 'she's frightfully able, would you look at take life easy. "I can never sit still," her?' I was mesmerised because, without being extraordinarily vain, she was positive about her qualities,

and that's difficult to bring off." But with all this on his hands, Beloff's life was not his own. "It's a must cram in a good deal."

he says. As a fellow barrister put it. in 1994: "[Beloff] does too much work for his own health - about 15 hours a day." But then, in 1996, he be-came President of Trinity College, Oxford. Many people would have set-tled for that, but instead of giving up his old job, Beloff decided to combine the two. So, these days, he divides his time between Oxford and London's Holland Park. After a dinner in college, he says, "I can usually be released by 8.30pm, and be back at my house in London by midnight, for a

day in chambers." During term time, his legal prac-tice is slightly limited because he has made a commitment never to miss

a meeting of the college governors. Beloff spends an increasing proportion of his time giving legal opinions. He is drafting a new code of discipline for accountants, and recently drafted General Medical Council guidance for doctors on patient confidentiality.

But he still acts for a wide range of notable clients. One is a vicar who was defrocked by the Church of Wales, Another is Shepherd Neame, the independent brewer which is challenging the Government over increases in beer excise. When Geoffrey Robinson MP got into bot water about his overseas trusts, he consulted Beloff. But perhaps the high-est profile client is Mohamed al Fayed: for some years, Beloff has advised on the Harrods' owner's applications for British citizenship.

The Trinity job provides plenty to interest him. As well as running the college, Beloff is a trustee of the Oxford Union, and of Cherwell; he organises debates at Trinity; and invites a wide range of guests to college dinners. So will he give up the Bar? "I could be tempted, but in a single week I could earn as much as in a whole year at Trinity."

Beloff, plainly, is not the sort to he says. "The idea of crashing out or listening to music for hours and looking at the ceiling - I never did that." Still only 56, he has an alarming message: "Time is running out, and I



To imprison or not to imprison

CAN THE prison population be allowed to grow indefinitely? Do community sentences work? If not, how can they be made credible alternatives to jail? These three questions dominated the deliberations of the Commons Home Affairs Committee, whose Report was released last week. The chairman, Chris Mullin MP, and his colleagues bave produced a surprisingly tough-minded document. Their major concern is the exponential rise in the prison population. In the last five years there has been an increase of more than 50 per cent. There are 65,000 in prison now, with a forecast of a total of

over 82,000 in seven years' time. At £24,271 per place, this would produce an annual bill from the year 2005 of £2bn. Faced with this, the members of the committee have produced a down-to-earth report, packed with common sense. It is a pity that one crucial question which offenders should not be imprisoned at all? – is left unanswered.

Protection of the public, they say, must be one of the principal objectives of any sentencing policy. This is easily achieved for the term of a sentence of

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imprisonment, but do community sentences offer better long-term protection by weaning offenders away from their criminal lifestyles? The frustrating truth, which the committee openly acknowledges in answer, is that there is "an absence of rigorous assessment into the effectiveness of individual community sentences at present". Such sentencing will thus continue to be a matter of

Probation officers are praised for their dedication, but there is a sharp reminder to them in the Report that they represent the public, not the criminal. The use of the word "client" by some to

describe their charges is criticised.

The committee grasps the nettle when it comes to public perception of community sentences. The public and the criminal regard them as a letoff. So, strict enforcement is vital. Creation of a new offence of breach of a community sentence is recommended, carrying a prison sentence.

There is a welcome recommendation on the use of suspended sentences. The power of a judge to suspend a sentence was restricted by Parliament in 1991 to be used only in "exceptional circumstances". Conscientious application of the law by the courts resulted in many offenders being sent to prison who would previously have been given suspended sentences. The committee's recommendation to the Government to allow more frequent use of the power may help the court to do justice again in many an individual case, to the incidental advantage of the tax-paying public.

In most respects the report is sharply focused, but there are some vague passages: "We suggest that many people currently imprisoned could be

dealt with more effectively by a non-custodial sentence". Who are these people, and what offences have they committed? A prison sentence is only imposed for an offence which is "so serious that only a custodial sentence is justified for it". The judge is required by law to give reasons (and judges take scrupulous care over this).

Perhaps the way forward is to encourage a greater openness in debating the way in which a noncustodial sentencing policy may develop. Almost everyone would agree that immediate custody is the only way of dealing with persons convicted of murder. rape, armed rohbery and kidnapping. What then, of burglary? At present, the policy of the court is clear: an immediate custodial sentence is almost inevitable. Other examples of the current categories in which immediate imprisonment is imposed are suppliers of hard drugs, street muggers, child molesters and swindlers who prey on the elderly. At the moment it is left to the judges to do the best they can to reflect the view of society.

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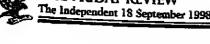
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Starring: Jan Declier, Fredja van Huet (subtitles) This intelligent but uneven drama about betrayal and revenge won this year's Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. The picture is oever as gripping as it should have been, though the foreboding Gothic gloom sits nicely with the grotesque compositions. West End: Curzon Mayfair

THE DOOM GENERATION (18) Director: Gregg Araki

Starring: James Duval, Rose McGowan Gregg Araki's gory, tongue-in-cheek road movie about a couple who hit the road with a psychotic friend is fun for the first half-hour, deadening West End: ABC Piccadilly

KISSING A FOOL (15) Director: Doug Ellin

Starring: David Schwimmer, Jason Lee, Mili Avital David Schwimmer (Ross in Friends) plays a television sportscaster who falls in love with his best friend's editor (Mili Avital). But insecurity intrudes on their wedding plans until the groomto-be feels compelled to test his love's loyalty. West End: Virgin Trocadero

LETHAL WEAPON 4 (15) Director: Richard Donner

Starring: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Rene Russo, Chris Rock The poster copy for this latest instalment of the in-

gratiating comedy-thriller series says it all: "The action you expect; the faces you love." This time. Detectives Riggs (Mel Gibson) and Murtaugh (Danny Glover) are up against Triads in the counterfeiting trade, but a more pressing issue is their own middle-age. The screenplay acknowledges that this pair are not as nimble as they used to be, and makes room for a ripe new comie talent, the young actor Chris Rock. West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham

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Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

LOVE IS THE DEVIL (18) Director: John Maybury

Starring: Derek Jacobi, Daniel Craig, Tilda Swinton Derek Jacobi gives a ferocious performance as Francis Bacon in this first feature from the acclaimed and adventurous experimental filmmaker John Maybury. Among the film's many technical accomplishments are the blurred, twisted and grotesque visual compositions which strongly evoke the artist's work.

West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Gate Notting Hill, Metro, Phoenix Cinema, Renoir, Richmond Filmhouse, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on

MEN WITH GUNS (HOMBRES ARMADOS) (15) Director: John Sayles Starring: Federico Luppi, Damian Delgado, Tania

John Sayles follows his biggest success (Lone Stor) with this conscientious drama about a doctor who discovers that each of his previous students has met with a grisly end in an unspecified Latin American country. Sayles airs some intriguing ideas, but he seems consistently unable to animate any of them.

West End: Metro, Rio Cinema, Virgin Fulham

PÉPÉ LE MOKO (15)

Cruz (subtitles)

Director: Julien Duvivier Starting: Jean Gabin, Mireille Batin (subtitles) Long-overdue revival of this tender thriller, with Jean Gabin as the underworld hero prowling the kasbah. There are shades here of what would flourish into film noir, but the driving force is the characters' need to escape, whether it is Algiers or simply the past from which they are fleeing. West End: National Film Theatre

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Film Ryan Gilbey

INSOMNIACS OF the world unite. Starting this evening at London's wonderfully seamy Prince Charles cinema is the Primal Screen 48-hour movie marathon bringing together surprise previews and cult favourites. I'm not suggesting that you stay for the whole thing - surely watching Ferris Bueller's Day Off at 7 on Sunday morning (or any other time of the day or night for that matter) is nobody's idea of a good time. But there are

treats here that you might like to find time to dip into, should they cor-respond with your weekend schedule. Opening proceedings tonight is a preview of the gritty, acclaimed directorial debut by Vincent Gallo (above), Buffalo 66. Then the bill disappears into the wee small hours with a handful of splendid science-fiction, including Bruce Dern in the pensive Silent Running, not to mention John Carpenter's splendid stoned comedy Dark Star, which should put old Red Dwarf fans firmly in their place. That takes us up to Saturday morning, when a brief interval will allow time for breakfast. Details on the Saturday/Sunday bill tomorrow. Prince Charles Cinema, London WC2 (0171-0437 8181) tonight, 8.30pm

Theatre Dominic Cavendish

MICHAEL Frayn's collection of eight playlets, Alarms and Excursions (right), takes a light-hearted look at our helplessness in the age of creature-comforts technology. It's a mixed bag, but director Michael Blakemore gets his dependable team (Josie Lawrence, Robert Bathurst, Nicky Henson and Felicity Kendal) to hit an agreeable number of comic buttons. Gielgud Theatre, London W1

(0171-494 5065) 7.45pm The Steam Industry do more than justice to Rodney Ackland's speedy adaptation of Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment, neglected since

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Bound & Gagged Palmers Green, London N13 (0171-483 3456) tonight and tomorrow, 9,15pm

Pop Tim Perry

A FEW TICKETS remain for the second Royal Albert Hall show by The Mavericks (right). Judging by the response at Wednesday night's gig, there'll be a fair few returning for a second dose of this contagious mix of all-American popular musical styles, ranging from ragtime to mariachi. They're a band on top form and their two-hour set is perked up by the Havana Horns brass section. Much better live than oo (platinum-selling)

record, Radio 2 has never sounded this much fun. Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (0171-589 8212) 7.30pm Another bunch of musical mavericks are Scottish pioneers The Delgados, who mix up feedback, fuzz, ethereal folk sounds and great pop. Uotil now, they've been overshadowed by some of their compatriots, such as Mogwai and Arab Strap, but there's been a growing respect for their current album, Peloton, and the new "The Weaker Argument Defeats the Stronger" single.

Morrisons, Belfast (01232 324924) tonight; The Works, Aberdeen (01224 648000) tomorrow

GENERAL RELEASE

ARMAGEDDON (12)

This deeply stupid film purports to be a tender love story, a meaty action adventure and a global disaster movie in which a meteor is on a collision course with Earth. West End: Odeon Kensington,

Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI West End

THE AVENGERS (12)

Ralph Fiennes dons the bowler hat as Steed, Una Thurman pours herself into a catsuit as Emma Peel, while Sean Connery plans to take over the world by cootrolling the weather West End: Warner Village West End

BABYMOTHER (15)

An endearing reggae musical which takes an old idea and douses it in gaudy colours. The film focuses on Anita (Anjela Lauren Smith), a lage West End pered by her responsibility to her son and daughter. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero

LE BOSSU (15)

This sumptuous swashbuckler doesn't break much new ground, but is acted and shot with magnificent braggadocio. West End: ABC Swiss Centre. Curzon Minema

COUSIN BETTE (15)

Balzac's novel about romance and deception is the hasis for this shallow but breezy comedy. Jessica Lange plays Bette, the housekeeper who inadvertently weaves a web of betrayal around everyone she knows. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage

THE DAYTRIPPERS (15)

Worried that her husband (Stanley Tucci) may be having an affair, Eliza (Hope Davis) confides in her parents, only to find the whole family accompanying ber to Manhattan confront him. West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Rio Cinema

DR DOLITTLE (PG)

Dr Dolittle proves that Eddie Murphy's talents are surprisingly pliable within the constraints of a PG certificate. West End: Hammersmith Virgin. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

EVE'S BAYOU (15)

Rites-of-passage drama that feels for the most part like reheated West End: Fried Green Tomatoes. Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Trocadero

HE GOT GAME (18)

Denzel Washington plays a man doing time for the murder of his wife who is offered a deal which could cut short his sentence if he can persuade his basketball star son to sign up with the Governor'a alma mater. Spike Lee coaxes an impressive performance from Washington but it is his own stylistic excesses which are the film's undoing. West End: Clapham Picture House, Ritzy Cinema,

GANG RELATED (15)

A new thriller which gives a few welcome twists to the formulaic routine of drive-by shootings and jive-talkin' homeboys. James Belushi is spectacularly sleazy. West End: Virgin Trocadero

The team which cooked up Stargate and Independence Day is generally very adept at constructing enjoyable adventures. Unfortunately, on this occasion, their light touch has deserted them. West End: Empire Leicester Square

THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG) Robert Redford's film of Nicholas Evans' novel is a textbook lesson in the narcissistic allure of cinema. Redford plays a Montana farmer who specialises in equine psychology and who agrees to help Kristin Scott Thomas whose daughter has been traumatised in a riding accident. Hammersmith Virgin. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odaon Marble Arch, Odeon Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon West End, UCI Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Screen on Bals-

er Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road

THE LAND GIRLS (12)

Rachel Weisz, Anna Friel and Catherine McCormack are the "land girls" called upon in WWII to pick up the discarded ploughs. Nothing surprising here - sexual awakening, broad laughs, Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village a smattering of tragedy - but very nicely done. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End

THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO (15)

Whit Stillman does a fine job of capturing the mixture of flair, invigoration and uncertainty by which any burgeoning trend is characterised and it's refreshing to find a work that is this enchanting and intelligent. West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Panton Street, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Vil-

LOCK, STOCK & TWO SMOKING BARRIELS (18) Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels follows the lead of Quentin Tarantino but the film's defining characteristic is its resilient morality. The picture is peopled by thugs, both amateur and professional. Young Eddy, who comes unstuck in a high stakes card-game, falls into the former, but Hatchet Harry, to whom he owes £500,000, is a dangerous old-school pro. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (15)

In Spielberg's Second World War drama, Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) is dispatched with his squad on a compassionate mission to seek out a young private behind enemy lines and return him home to safety. It is unlikely that many viewers will emerge from the picture warmed by emotional catharsis - it is the harsh, devastating battle sequences which are branded on the memory. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema. Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG) David Mamet's intricate thriller is a playful exercise in twisting a plot until it locks; there is a scientific detachment about the way he explores every permutation of his Kafknesque scenario, though the movie is also slyly funny. West End: Clapham Picture House, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Warner

SPECIES II (18)

Ludicrous science-fiction horror about a strand of alien DNA carried back to earth in the bodies of astronauts. West End: Plozo, Virgin Trocadero

LA VIE DE JESUS (THE LIFE OF JESUS) (NC) Bruno Dymont's brilliant debut feature is set in a desciate lifeless fown in northern France where a group of twentysomething friends rattle around on their motorbikes. West End: ICA Cinema

THE WEDDING SINGER (12)

Unashamedly dumb but very winning comedy about a romantic singer (Adam Sandler) who falls in love with a waitress (Drew Barrymore), only to find she's already engaged to someone else. West End: Odeon Mezzanine

Duchovny and Anderson engagingly reprise their roles as FBI agents Mulder and Scully in their first big-screen outing. The two leads are most engaging conveying great tenderness through little dialogue and even less facial movement. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Odeon Camden Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero

CINEMA WEST END

ABC BAKER STREET (0870-9020418) → Baker Street The Last Days Of Disco 1,15pm, 3,40pm, 6,05pm, 8,30pm Lethal Weapon 4 2,20pm, 5,20pm, 8,10pm

ABC PANTON STREET
(0870-9020404) → Piccadilly Crcus
The Big Lebowski 1.15pm, 3.40pm,
6.05pm, 8.30pm Jackie Brown
1.30pm, 4.40pm, 7.45pm The Last
Days Of Disco 1.10pm, 3.35pm,
6pm, 8.25pm Live Flesh 1.40pm,
4pm, 6.20pm, 8,40pm

ABC PICCADILLY (0171-287 4322 from 1pm)

Piccadilly Circus The Doom
Generation 1.25pm, 3,40pm,
6.10pm, 8.50pm Lolla 3.10pm,
8pm Lowe And Death On Long
Island 1.05pm, 6pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

ABC SWISS CENTRE

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT

(0870-9020414) & Tottenham Court Road Lethal Weapon 4 1pm. 3.45pm. 6.30pm, 9.15pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.25pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.25pm Saving Private Ryan 1.05pm, 4.40pm, 8.20pm BARRICAN SCREEN

8.40pm Saving Private Ryan 5pm, 8.15pm

CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) → Sloane Square Love is The Devil 1pm, 2.55pm. 4.55pm, 6.55pm, 9pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE
(0171-498 3323) & Clapham
Common He Got Game 4pm, 9pm
Lethal Weapon 4 1pm, 3.45pm,
8.30pm, 9.10pm Saving Private
Ryan 1.30pm, 4.45pm, 8.15pm The
Spanish Prisoner 1.15pm, 6.40pm

CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) → Green Park Character (Karakter) 12.15pm, 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm ELEPHANT & CASTLE

(0171-703 4968) & Elephant & Castie Lethal Weapon 4 3cm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm Lock, Stock & Two Smok-ing Barrels 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Saving Private Ryan 4.05pm, 7.40pm

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE (0990-888990) & Leicester Square British Short Film Festival phone 0990 888955 for details Godzilla 2pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm, 11.30pm Saving Private Ryan 12noon, 4pm, 8pm, 11.50pm

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) Notting Hill Gate Love is The Devil 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm, 11.15pm

HAMMERSMITH VIRGIN (0870-9070718) & Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith The Horse Whisperer 1.20pm, 4.50pm, 8.15pm Lethal Weapon 4 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 8.50pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 12.40pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm Saving Private Ryan 12.20pm, 4.20pm, 8pm

ICA CINEMA (0171-930 3647) → Charing Cross The Trip 6.30pm, 8.30pm La Vie De JÇsus 5pm,7pm,9pm

(0171-734 1506) Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square Love is The Devil 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Men With Guns 1pm, 3.30pm, 6om, 8,30om CURZON MINEMA

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Private Ryan 12,30pm, 4.10pm,
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8.40pm, 11.20pm SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) ⊕ Angel Saving Private Ryan 3.30pm, 7,40pm SCREEN ON THE HILL

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9.35pm, 12.30am **ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE** (0181-315 4215) ← Leicester Square The Horse Whisperer 12.50pm, 4.15pm, 7.50pm

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SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-935 2772) & Baker Street The Horse Whisperer 3.25pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 6,40pm, 8.55pm Saving Private Ryan 3pm, 7.30pm

(0171-435 3366) ⊕ Belsize Park Love Is The Devil 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9.05pm

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CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

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GOLDERS GREEN ABC (0181-455 1724) & Golders Green Saving Private Ryan 12.50pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm

CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich Lethal Weapon 4 3.40pm. 6.20pm, 9pm. 11.40pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Bar-rels 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.20pm, 11.40pm Saving Private Ryan 4.05pm, 7.30pm, 10.55pm

HAMPSTEAD ABC (0870-9020413) Belsize Park Lethal Weapon 4 1.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2.10pm, 5.40pm. 8.20pm Saving Private Ryan 12.25pm, 3.55pm, 7.30pm

SAFARI (0181-426 0303) & Harrow-on-the-Hill/Harrow & Weald-stone Dil Se 1.30pm, 5pm, 8.45pm

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KINGSTON

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ODEON (0181-315 4217) © High-gate The Apostle phone for details The Horse Whisperer 12.45pm, 4.10pm, 7.50pm Lethal Weapon 4 12noon, 2.50pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm Saving Private Ryan 12,30pm, 4pm, 7,40pm

PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) 8R: Peckham Rye Babymother 5.45pm, 7,35pm, Babymother 5.45pm, 7.35pm, 9.25pm, 11.30pm Dr Dolittle 12.20pm, 3.50pm Eve's Bayou 12.10am Gang Related 12mid-nlght He Got Geme 5.35pm, 8.30pm, 11.20pm 20pm 14.40pm 6.30pm 6.30pm 20pm 14.40pm 8.30pm, 11.25pm Lethal Weapon 4 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm, 11.40pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm, 11.50pm Saving Privote Ryan 5.20pm, 8.45pm Species II 5.10pm. 9.20pm X-Files 3.25pm

PURLEY ABC (0870-9020407) 8R: Purley Lethal Weapon 4 1.40pm, 4.55pm, 7.55pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 3.10pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Saving Private Ryan 2.10pm. 7.10pm

ABC (0870 9020401) & Putney Bridge. BR: Putney. Lethal Weapon 4 12.15pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm. 9.15pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2.15pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.45pm Saving Private Ryan 1.45pm, 5.15pm, 8.45pm

RICHMOND ODEON (0181 315 4218) BR/ Richmond Lethal Weapon 4
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ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) BR/O Richmond Armageddon 1.40pm, 5.20pm, 8.30pm Cousin Bette 6.50pm The Horse Whisperer form. 4.30pm, 8.10pm The Land Girls 1.10pm, 6.50pm The Spanish Prisoner 3.30pm, 9.20pm The X-Files 1.10pm, 4pm, 9.10pm

ROMFORD ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford. Lethal Weapon 4 2,20pm, 5,20pm. Smoking Barrels 2.10pm. 5.50pmm, 8.35pm Saving Private Ryan 2.10pm. 7.30pm

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SEDCUP ABC (0541-555131) 8R: Sidcup Lethal Weapon 4 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm Saving Private Ryan 2,45pm, 7,30pm

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STREATHAM ABC (0870-9020415) 8R: 5treatham Hill The Doom Generation 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Mr Nice Guy Private Ryan 2.20pm, 7.45pm

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4,40pm, 8.10pm WALTHAMSTOW ABC (0870-9020424) ◆ Walthamstow Central Lethal Weapon 4 1.45pm, 4.45pm, 8.15pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 3pm. 5.30pm, 8.10pm Saving Private Ryan 2.30pm. 7.30pm

WALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Thames Lethal Weapon 4 2.50pm, 5.40pm,

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WOODFORD ABC (0181-989 3463) ⊕ South Woodford Lethal Weapon 4 2pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm 5aving Private Ryan 2.40pm, 7.30pm

WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) 8R: Woolwich Arsenal Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Saving Private Ryan 4.05pm. 7.40pm

CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Salut Cousin! (15) 7.30pm

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE: THE BRITISH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL BRITISH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL Lescester Square WC2 (0171-437 1234/cc 0990-888955) From The Film Schools 1: Documentaries (NC) 2pm British And International Documentaries (NC) 4pm Atlantic Crossing Strand 1: George Hickenlooper (NC) 6pm Nick Broomfield Masterclass (NC) 8pm Films From South Africa: Dramas

LEVI'S GALLERY, THE ORIGINAL LEVI'S STORE FLAGSHIP: THE BRITISH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 98 Regent Street W1 (Info 0171-734 7123 x 36) The Outsiders: Dramas And Documentaries (NC) 5pm Dark And Dreadful Deeds: Dramas

THE LUX Hoxton Square N1 6 (0171-684 0201/cc 684 0201) November Moon (NC) 7pm Coming Out (15) 9pm

NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-633 0274) Mirror: Mirror: Bodil Kjer (NC) 6.15pm PCpC Le Moko (1S) 6.30pm Fists in The Pocket (NC) 7,30pm Traditions-Up Yours! :Bod-il Kjer (NC) 8.30pm From Russla With Love (PG) 8.40pm

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero, Piccadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 4153) Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U) 10.45am, 12.50 pm, 2.55 pm, 5.10 pm, 7.15 pm. 9.20 pm L5 - City in Space (U) 11.55 am. 2 pm, 6.20 pm, 8.25 pm, 10.30 pm Everest (U) 4.05pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181/cc 0171-437 8181) Kurt & Courtney (15) 1pm The Adventures Of Robin Hood (U) 3.45pm Buffalo 66 (NC) 8.30pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show (15) 11.30pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 1111/cc 0171-420 0100) Palookaville (15) 6.45pm + The Daytrippers 8.40pm

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street TW8 (0181-568 1176) Le Bossu (15) 1.30pm, 6pm The Horse Whisperer (PG) 8.15pm

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-626261) A Self-Made Hero 1S) 2.30pm The Last Days Of Disco (1S) 4.45pm. 9.15pm Psycho (15) 7pm

BRISTOL WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) The Daytrippers (15) 6.05pm Cousin Bette (15) 8.20pm Love is The Devil (18) 8.45pm

CAMBRIDGE ARTS (01223-504444) Le Bossu (15) 2pm, 9.20pm Kundun (12)

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Psycho (15) 6pm Ponette (15) 7.30pm The General (15) 8.10pm

CHICHESTER NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-786650) The Horse Whisperer (PG) 2.30pm The X-Files (15) 6.15pm The Spanish Prise (PG) 9pm

FILM THEATRE (01473-215544) Eve's Bayou (15) 6pm The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 6pm

CINEMA CTY (01603-622047) The Real Blonde (1S) 5.45pm The Land Girls (12) 8pm Don't Look

OKFORD PHOENIX PICTURE HOUSE (01865-554909) La Grande Illusion (U) 1pm, 5pm Cousin Bette (15) 1.45pm, 6.45pm Casablanca (U) 4pm The Spanism 4.15pm, 9.15pm m The Spanish Prisoner (PG)

PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) Mojo (15) 6pm, 8pm

CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

NORTHAMPTON THE FORUM(01604-401006): Blues Brothers 2000 (PG); City Of Angels (12); La Maman Et La Putain (18)

VIRGIN(0541-560564); Vikgin(US41-560564);
Armageddon (12); Dr Doilttle (PG); Godzilia (PG); The Horse Whisperer (PG); Lethal Weapon 4 (15); The Little Mermaid (U); Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrers (18); Lost in Space (PG); The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U); Major Sayl (PG); Balance (PG); Major Sayl (PG); Palance (PG); Palan jor Saab (PG); Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book (PG); Saving Private Ryan (15); Species II (18): There's Something About Mary (15): The X-Files (15)

WATFORD WARNER VILLAGE (01923-682222]; Armageddon (12); Barney's Great Adventure (U); Dr Dollttle (PG); Godzīlia (PG); The Horse Whisperer (PG); Lethal Weapon 4 (15); The Little Mermaid (U); Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18): Lost in Space (PG); The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. Seats at all prices I — Seats at some prices) — Returns only Matinees — [1): 5un, (3): Tue, (4): Wed, [5]: Thu,

[6]: Frl, [7]: Sat ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterioua messages stars Felicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gleigud Theetre Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5065) → Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5]]7] 3pm, £19.50-£27.50. 165 mins.

ANNA KARENINA Stage adaptation of Tolstoy's classic por-trayal of passion from Shared Ex-perience Theatre. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [7] 2.30pm, ends 10 Oct, £5-£18. 180 mins.

O ART Stacy Keach, David Dukes, George Wendt in Yasmina Reza'a comedy about art and friendship. Wyndham's Theatre Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7](1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins.

 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartooo versioo of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Theatre Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, Tue 6.30pm, [4](77 2.30pm, £18.50-£35.150 mlms.

 BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) & Leic Sq/fott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5] 3pm, [7) 4pm, £10.50-£29.50, 165 mins.

O THE BLUE ROOM Nicole Kidman stars in David Hare'a adaptation of Schnitzler's La Ronde. Donmar Warehouse Eartham Street. WC2 (0171-369 1732) ← Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 8pm, £12-£25.

● BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Theatre Aldwych. WC2 (0171-930 8800) ● Charing X. Tue-Thu Spm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, st 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, F6 75-530 160 mins. £6.75-£30, 160 mins. DCATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Theatre Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) +

Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (3)[7] 3pm, £12.50-£3S, O CHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars in this hit Broadway musical about two murderous women and their nightclub act, Adelphi Theatre Maid-en Lane, WCZ (0171-344 0055)

◆ Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4]]7] 2,30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking D CLOSER Superb study of contemporary sexual relationships from Dealer's Choice author Patrick Marber Lyric Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7]

3pm, £7,50-£27,50, 140 mins. THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ARRIDGEO) Reduced Shakespeare Company fast-forward through 37 plays. Criterion Theatre Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ. Wed-Sat 8pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 5pm, [1] 4pm, £9.50-£20, 120 mirs.

D CRAVE New drama from Sarah Kane, looking at love, loss and desire. Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Lek Sq. Mon-Sat 7,45pm, [7] 4pm, £5-£10, benches 10p, Mon - all seats £5. 45 mins.

● DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptatioo featuring Jim Henson Puppels. Labatt's Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) O Hammersmith, Tue-Sat 7,30p [4][7] 2.30pm £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

DGREASE Merissa Dunlop stars in the stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Theatre Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7) 3pm, £10-£30, 150 mins.

THE HONEST WHORE Middletoo and Deideer's collaborative melo drama. The Globe New Globe Walk. 5 E 1 (0 1 7 1 - 4 0 1 9 9 1 9) O London Bridge. Last perf, tonight 7.30pm, £5-£20. concs available 180 mins.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Half's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket. SW1 (0171-930 8800) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5) 3pm, [7) 4pm, £7.50-£29.50, 165 mins.

OAN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Dakkry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Theatre Charing Cross Road, WCZ (0171-494 5085) & Leic Sq. Mon-FrI 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £10.50-£25.110

● THE LADY BOYS OF BANGKOK Cabaret performance, featuring stunning female imperonators. Queen's Theatre 5ha bury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590/cc 344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Tue & Thu 8pm, Wed, Fri & Sat 6pm & 8,45pm, ends 26 Sept, £10.50-£30. 110 mins.

● A LETTER OF RESIGNATION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality Savoy Theatre Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £12.50-£25, 135 mins.

● LOOT Acclaimed revival of Joe Orton's comedy. Vaudeville Theatre Strand, WCZ (0171-836 9987) 8R/@ Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8-£25. 110

A MAD WORLD MY MASTERS Middleton's comic look at London low-life in the 17th century. The Globe New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919) & London Bridge. In rep, mat today 2pm, ends 19 Sept, £5-£20. concs available. 180 mins.

■ MAJOR BARBARA Jemma Redgrave and Peter Bowles star in George Bernard Shaw'a classic comedy Piccadilly Theatre Denman 5treet, W1 (0171-369 1734) @ Picc (U): Saving Private Ryan (15]: 5treet, W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc There's Something About Mary (15): Titanic (12): The X-Files (15) [7] 3pm, £8.50-£27.50. 180 mins.

D LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterplece. Palace Theatre Masterpure W1 (0171-434 0909) → Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £7-£35. 195 mins.

MISS EVER'S BOYS David Feishuh's disturbing drama looks at the issues surrounding medical experimentation on unknowing black ens earlier this century in America. Barbican: The Pit Barbican Centre, £C2 (0171-638 8891) ⊕ Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-5at 7.45pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, ends 3 Oct, £12-£17.

• MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Modom Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) O Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm. £5.75-£35.

THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnii. St Martin's Theatre West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, (3) 2.45pm, [7) 5pm, £9-£23. PEONY PAVILION Classic 16th-

century Chinese epic music drams, directed by Peter Sellers. Barbican Theatre Barbican Centre. EC2 (0171-638 8891) & Barbican/Moorte. Mon-Sat 6.30pm, ends 20 Sept, £10-£27.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothle musical. Her Majesty's Theetre Haymarket. SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) & Picc Crc. Mon-Sat 7,45pm, (4)[7] 3pm, £10-625 150 miss.

p PHEDRE Diana Rigg stars in Poet Laurente Ted Hughes' new translation of Racine's tragedy. Alberty Theatre St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730/cz 867 1111)

• Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (7) 3pm, £5-£29.50. 100 mins.

THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY DOUble bill of drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer, directed by Gregory Doran. Comedy Theatre Panton Screet, SW1 (0171-369 1731) & Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat .30pm. (4)[7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50.

• RENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) • Holborn/fott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50, 160 mins. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE

O OLIVIER: Oklahomal Classic mu-

sical from Rodgers and Hammer-stein, featuring the song 'Oh What A Beauliful Morner'. Mon-Sat 7,15pm. mats Wed & Sat 2pm. ends 3 Oct. LYTTELTON: Cleo, Camping, Emmanuelle And Dick Terry Johnson's new play looks at the Carry On actors and recreates Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Babs Windsor

on stage. In rep, tonight 7,30pm, O COTTESLOE: Copenhagen New drama from Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, continuing, 145 mins. Olivier & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Cottesioe: £12-£19. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452

O SAYURDAY NIGHT FEVER HIL 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. London Palladium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

■ SHOW BOAT Jerome Kern and Occar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. Prince Edwerd Theatre Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) & Lelc Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm.

£10-£35, 180 mins. • SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE - THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock wholl hit makers celebrated in a musical revue that inchades 'Jailhouse Rock'. Prince Of Wales Theatre Coventry Street. W1 (0171-839 5972) @ Leic So/Picc Circ. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8,30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-

£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25. 135 mirs. STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musical. Apollo Victorie Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070)

BR/O Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.4Spm, (3)[7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins. STRIKE UP THE BAND George and Ira Gershwin's as yet unper-formed musical taking e satirical look

at American politics stars Joss Ackad and Barry Cryer, Barbican Hall Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) & Moorgate/Barbican, Tonight 7pm, £13-£26.

THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Be-linds Lang stars in Alan Ayekbourn's comedy. Duchess Theatre Cather-ine Street. WCZ (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) ⊕ Covent Garden. Mon-

Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £15-£27.50. 140 mins. ● VIA DOLOROSA David Hare writes and performs this meditation on a trip to Israel and Palestine. Royal Court Theatre (at the Duke Of York's) St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000] ⊕ Lek Sq/Charing X Mon-Sat 7 30nm and 3 Oct.

ing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 3 Oct, O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. Alc wych Theatre Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) + Holborn.

Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (5)(7) 3pm. £10-£32.50. 120 mins. THE WOMAN IN BLACK Su-THE WOMAN IN BLACK SU-san Hil's chiling ghost story. Fortune Theatre Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) • Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ALMEIDA THEATRE The Play About The Baby Edward Albee's new play which explores the relationships between four people. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 3pm, ends 10 Oct. £9.50-£19.50, concs available. Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) & Angel/Highbury & Islington.

ROUNDHOUSE Oh What A Lovely War Joan Littlewood's out-standing musical look at the First world War presented by the National Theatre. The Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed. Sat & Sun 3pm, ends 4 Oct. £9.50-£21.50. Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (0171-420 0000) • Chalk Farm.

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

THE FIRST production in the Royal National Theatre's latest booking season is Shakespeare's tragedy of doomed love, Antony and Cleopatra: Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman (right) play the sensuous Cleopatra and the noble Antony in a tale which examines political events on an epic scale. Both are making their debut at the National, with Mirren bringing her experience in a range of Shakespearean roles in BBC adaptations to bear. Directed by Sean Mathias.

Olivier Theatre, Royal National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000) opens 12 Oct

Last Call

THE FORMER Stone Roses frontman Ian Brown launched his solo career earlier this year with three top-20 singles from the Unfinished Monkey Business album. Since then, he has successfully re-entered the live arena at this summer's festivals. He embarks on a tour with a band which includes former Roses' guitarist Aziz Ahrahim and support from Audioweb. Aberdeen Music Hall (01224 620011) 13 Nov: Norwich

UEA (01603 505401) 21 Nov; Leeds University (01132 445570) 28 Nov; Manchester Ritz (0161-832 1111) 1 Dec: London Astoria (0171-434 0403) 2-3 Dec



YOUNG VIC Our Country's Good 5tudy of the civilising power of language, written by Timberlake Wertenbaker and performed by Out Of Joint, Mon-Set 7.30pm, mats Sat

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

2nm, £17, concs available. The Out.

SE1 (0171-928 6363) +/BR:

BARNSTAPLE QUEEN'S THEATRE A Clockwork

Orange Anthony Burgess' provocative and disturbing tale of youth
violence is brought to the stage.

Tonight, 7.45pm. £6-£10.50. Boutport Street (01271-324242)

THEATRE ROYAL Amadeus Peter Shaffer's engrossing play inspired by the music of Mozart. Tonight. 8pm, 19 Sept. 2.30pm. £10-£24,50. St Johns Place (01225-448844

USTINOV STUDIO AT THE THEATRE ROYAL Krapp's Last Tape Edward Petherbridge performs Samuel Beckett's melacholic pieco. Foright (01225-448844/cc 448861)

BRISTOL THEATRE ROYAL How The Other Half Loves Alan Ayckbourn'a comedy of modern manners features social comment and ironic humour. Tonight, 8pm ends 3 Oct. £3-£19. King Street (0117-987

CHURCHILL THEATRE The Crucibio Arthur Miller's tale of religious fervour during the Salem witch hums. Tonight 7.45pm, ends 26 Sept. £8-£17. High Street (0181-460 6677) SHERMAN THEATRE The

BROMLEY

Accidental Death Of An Anarchist Dario Ro's salire on police corruption is presented by Mirage Theatre. Tonight, 8pm. £7, concs available. Senghenydd Road (01222-230451) CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

Katherine Howard Richard Griffiths stars as Henry VIII in Nicholson's portrayal of the misograist king. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 10 Oct. £6.50-£25. Oaklands Park (01243-MINERVA STUDIO THEATRE THE

Glass Menagerie Tennessee Williams's tale of a faded Southern belle and her aspirations for her children atars Gemma Jones. Tonight, 7.45pm, ends 10 Oct. £10. Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

EYE THEATRE Pride And Prejudice Stage edaptation of Jane Austen's classic comedy of manners. Tonight 8pm, ends 19 Sept. £5.95-£10.95. Broad Street (01379-870519)

WOLSEY THEATRE Mother Courage And Her Children David Hare's new version of Brecht's classic. Tonight 7.45pm, ends 10 Oct. £11, concs available. Civic Drive (01473-253725)

MAIDSTONE HAZLITT THEATRE Talking Heads Sue Hodge performs two of Alan Bennett's highly acclaimed mono-logues. Tonight 7.30pm. £8.50. concs £7.50. Earl Street (01622-

OKPORD
PLAYHOUSE THEATRE How The Other Hall Loves Alan Ayckhourn's comedy about a suburban trio of couples. Tonight, 8pm, , ends 26 Sept. £8-£19.50, concs available. Beaumont Street (01865-798600)

PEGASUS THEATRE Like a Virgin Acciained adult comedy about the turnoil suffered by a pair of teenage Madenna wannabes. Tonight 7.30pm. £5, concs £2.50. Magdalen Road (01865-722851)

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Spring And Por Wine Vintage comedy about a discrimarian lonight 8pm. £9.50-£11.50, concs available. Embankment Road (01733-552439)

SALISBURY ARTS CENTRE Fredonia Drama about three friend itching across America to the place where the Marx Bros made Duck Soup. Tonight, 8pm. £6, concs £5. Bedwin Street (01722-321744) SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE AS YOU

Malthouse Lane (01722-320333) MALTINGS ARTS THEATRE Beggar's Beller New piece in-spired by the paintings of Breugel. Tonight, phones for times and prices. The Maltings (01727-

PALACE THEATRE Dead Funny PALACE THEATRE Dead Furthy Caroline Quentin directs Terry John-ston's comedy about a man's obsess-ation with dead comedians. Tonight 8pm, ends 26 Sept. £4-£15.75, concs £4-£9.50. Clarendon Road (01923-225671)

EXHIBITIONS

ABERYSTWYTH ARTS CENTRE india 50 Photographs by Sebestian Salgado. Ends 28 Sept. gado. Ends 28 Sept.
An Italian Dream: Luci Melegari
Prints inspired by Northern Italy.
Ends 28 Sept.
Claire Curneen Ceramic sculptures
of the human figure. Mon-Sat 10am5pm & perf eves, ends 24 Oct, free.
Penglais [01970-623232)

HOTBATH GALLERY Faces Of Tibet And Ladakh: Elizabeth

Sheehan Photographs depicting the reality of Himalayan life. Mon-Fri 9am-4.45pm, Sat 10am-4pm, ends 30 Sept, free. City of Bath College, Avon 5treet (01225-312191) BRIGHTON BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Disasters Of War; Callot, Goya, Dbx Selections from three artists war etchings. Mon, kee, Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 4 Oct, free. Church Street (01273-290900)

ARNOLPINI Udomsak Krisanamis And Peter Dolg Work by the two widely exhibited artists. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, 5un 12noon-6pm, ends 18 Oct. free, Narrow Quay (0117-

PITZWILLIAM MUSEUM William Blake: The Book Of Job Pages from Blake's book with other examples of his illustration. Ends 25 Oct. Four American Painters: Franken-thaler, Noland, Officski, Poons Important figures in America's avant-garde. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 8 Nov. free. Trumpington Screet (01223-332900)

CARDIFF NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES Victorian Visions: From Rosetti To Whistler Victorian drawings and watercolours. Ends 27 5ept. Princes As Patrons Over 250 works from the Boyal Collection. Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 8 Nov. £4.25, child & concs £2.50 (to museum) Cathays Park (01222-397951)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY Native Photography Over 500 works denicting Native North Americans. Mon, Thu-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm, erids 13 Dec. 56 164 50 after 5pm Mon-Fri £6 (£4.50 after 5pm Mon-Frl), concs £4.50. Slik Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141) + Barbican/Moorgate.

NATIONAL GALLERY Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Ends 11 Oct, free. Mirror Image: Jonathan Miller On Reflection Mirrors and reflections in art from Van Eyck to Helen Chadwick Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 13 Dec. E5.50, concs E3.50, Ind audio guide. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321) & Charing Cross.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Critical Mass: Antony Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies. Mon-Staty casts of numan notices. Mon-sun all day, ends 30 Sept, free. Chagail: Love And The Stage. Colourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Fri to8.30pm), Mon-Sun 10am-opin (HT to8.30pm), ends 4 Oct, phone for prices. Picasso: Painter And Sculptor in Cay Exploring the eeramic works of the 20th-century artist. Opens 17 Sept. Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun 10em-fopm, Fri 10am-8.30pm, ends 27 Dec. phone for prices. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000) & Green Park.

TATE GALLERY Warhol And Berrys: Loans From The Froelich Collection Work by leading 30th-century artists. Ends 20 Sept.

Art Now 15: Fiona Banner Ne paintings and a drawings inspired by popular culture. Ends 1 Nov. Moonlight And Firelight: Water-colours From The Turner Bequest Work exploring Turner's Interest in moonlight and firelight. Mon-Sun 10am-5,50pm, ends 11 Nov, free. Milibank, SW1 (0171-887 8000)

NEWTOWN ORIEL 31 Aurora: Shan Edwards Recent work exploring the night sky. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 19 Sept, free. The Park (01686-625041)

SOUTHAMPTON SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY From Reynolds To Nicholson Major British art. Renaissance To Impressionism European masterpieces.
Up To 2000 Today's leading artists.
Tue-Set 10am-5pm (Thu to 7pm).
Sun 1pm-4pm, ends 18 Oct, free.
(01703-832151) Like it Cathy Tyson stars in this pastoral classic. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 3 Oct. £8-£15.

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ST IVES TATE GALLERY Colour in Space: Patrick Heron Britain's leading artist's public artwork. Ends 18 Oct. 18 Oct.
Displays 1997-8 Show focusing on the De Skijl group and the contemporaries of Roger Hilton. Ends 1 Nov. After Adraga: John Beard Studies of a Purtuguese cliff face. Ends 1 Nov. The Fragile Cell: John Wella Paintings by a lesser-known St Ives artist. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-Spm, ends 1 Nov. E3.50.coms E2. Porthmeor 8 each (01735-796226)

CLASSICAL

CARDIFF ST DAVID'S HALL BBC National Orchestra of Wales/Diversions Dance Company Choreographed renditions of Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements and Vasks's Violin Concerto. Tonight 7.30pm. £10.50. The Hayes (01222-878444)

HOOM PURCELL ROOM Belmont Ensemble of London/Gilbert-Dyson Vivald's Four Seasons and other Baroque classics. Tonight 7.30pm. 69-515. South Bank, SEI (0171-960 4242) BR/@ Waterloo.

WIGMORE HALL The Lindsays Tippett's 1st, 3rd and 5th quartets. Tonight 7.30pm, £8-£15, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Bond Street/Oxford Circus.

OPERA

LONDON BARBICAN THEATRE Peony Pavil-ion Chinese poetic drama of the late 16th century with a new score by Tan Dun, directed by Peter Sellers. Toright 6.30pm. £10-£27. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Barbican/Moorgate. Barbican/Moorgate,

LONDON COLISEUM Madem Butterfly ENO's popular staging of Puccini originally directed by Graham Vick, Tonight 7.30pm, £5-£55. St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) & Leicester Square.

DANCE

CARDIFF
ST DAVID'S HALL Diversions Dance Company: Nowhere But Here Special programme featuring the leading Welsh contemporary dance company directed by celebrated American choreographer Bill T. Jones, in a collaboration with the lational Orchestra of Wales. To 7.30pm, £10.50, concs available. The Hayes (01222-878444)

LONDON SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEA-COCK THEATRE Cool Heat, Urban Beat Hip hop, street tap, percussion and poetry from America. Tonight 8pm, ends 27 Sept. £7.50-£25. Portugal Street, WCZ (0171-863

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Legs On The Wall & Company B Belvoir: Under The Influence Australian physical theatre using dance and acrobatics to look at compulsions and relationships. Tue-Sun 7.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £12, concs £9. Crisp Road, W6 (0181-237 1111)

LITERATURE

SWINDON ALL SHALL KNOW 1 HAVE NOT DIED Guitar virtuoso Carlos Bonell and actor Jonathan Prag present an evening celebrating the lifeoi Federico Garcia Lorca. Arts Centre Devizes Road (01793-614837) Tonight 8pm. £7, concs £5.50.

COMEDY

PORTSMOUTH
COMEDY CLUB AT WEDGEWOOD
ROOMS TV regular Kevin Day, Caoadiao comie Phil Nichol. Veronica McKenzie Tonight 7.30pm, £5. Albert Road, Southsea

(01705-863911)

LONDON LEE EVANS - DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME TOUR AT APOLLO
THEATRE Energetic visual prants
from the Hollywood-frequenting
comedian/actor, Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm & 9pm, ends 21 Nov. £8.50-£21.50. Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5580) → Piccadilly Circus.

JONGLEURS BOW Keith Dover,

Adam 8100m, Rex Boyd, Jeff

Innocent and the Tracy Brothers

Tonight 8.15pm, £12, concs £8. Grove Road, Bow Wharf, £3 (0171-

564 2500/cc 924 2766) @ Mile End.

CLUBS

STRATEGY AT THERLA Hip hop and breakbeat with Tonka and Kalvin. Tonight 10pm-4am, £6. £5 before 11pm. The East Mud Dock, The Grove (0117-929 3301)

LONDON THE GALLERY AT TURNMILLS Starring Tall Paul, Judge Jules and Matt Cantor (Freestylers). Tonight 10pm-8am. Clerkenwell Road, EC1 (0171-250 3409) ← Farringdon. £10, mems/before 11pm £7.

FRISKY AT THE MINISTRY OF SOUND Seventh hirthday party with Sasha, John Kelly, Jon Pleased Wimmin and Jazzy M. Tonight 10.30pm-8am, Gaunt Street, SE1 (0171-378 6528) — Elephant & Casta 617 in adv. & Castle, £17 in adv.

EVENTS

BRIGHTON PRIGHTON
FORENSIC - BAGS OF EVIDENCE
The Scratch crew offer an entertaining and innovative approach to
visual art and modern culture. Hove
Museum & Art Gallery New Church
Road (01273-290200) Ends 4 Oct.
phone for details.

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LONDON AFRICAN & TRIBAL EXPERIENCE Exhibition of rare collectables in a Exhibition of rare coheranies in a range of media, African fashion, re-freshments and drumming plus per-formances, workshops and lectures. Marie Assumpta Centre Kensingmarie Assumpta Centre Rensing-ton Square W8 (01277-353791) High Street Kensington, Today 10am-8pm, 19 & 20 Sept, 10am-6pm, £3, under 12s free,

MUSAFIR Dynamic musical gypsy circus show with fire-eating fakirs, drumming and dance offers a high-octane injection of Rajasthani culture. Queen Elizabeth Hall South Bank Centre 5E1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo, Tonight 7.45pm, £7.50-

MUSIC

RRISTOL MAGOO Pioneering lo-fi quartet from Kings Lynn, The Louistana Wapping Road (0117-926 5978) Tonight 8pm, phone for prices.

PITCHSHIFTER, ONE MINUTE SI-LENCE Innovative contemporary metal outlits. New Trinity Community Centre Trinity Road (0117-907 7119) Tonight 8pm, £5.50-£6.50

LONDON EMBRACE Damy McNamara's epic guitar rockers give a live airing to the tracks from their critically acclaimed debut album, 8rixton Academy 5tockwell Road SW9 (0171-771 2000) & /BR: 8rixton, Tonight 7.30pm, phone for availability.

CHARITY NIGHT A night of soca reggae, calypso and gospel in aid off Montserrat, with artists including Storm International, The Oriole String Band, Nomadic Roots, Kelvin "Tabu" Duberry, King Kenzie, Tippa Riley, Sean Martin, William "Lord" Meade, Justin "Hero" Cassell and the London Community Gospel Choir. The Forum Highgate Road NW5 (0171-344 0044) Tube/BR: Kentish Para Faight Sear 612 vn. Tonight 8pm, £12.40.

AFRICAN HEADCHARGE Apocalyptic dub outfit mixed by On-U Sound boss Sherwood. The Garage Highbury Corner N5 (0171-607 1818) ♥ Highbury & Islington. Tonlght 8pm, £6.50.

SIMPLY RED Mick Hucknaffs award

winning, big-selling pop soulsters play a short season at the Lyceum, their only UK dates for 1998. Lyceum Theatre Wellington Street WC2 (0171-656 1802) & Charing THE MAVERICKS Swinging U5 country rock outfit touring their new

album, Transpoline. Royal Albert Hall Kensington Gore SW7 (0171-589 8212) & High Street Kensing-ton. Tonight 7pm, £15-£22.50.

EDDI READER, LEE GRIFFITHS Singer of Fairground Attraction pre-views her new album, Angels & Elec-tricity. Shepherd's Bush Empire Shepherd's Bush Green W12 (0171-771 2000) & Shepherd's Bush. Tonight 8pm, £12.50. TELEORD

playing the classic material of the mighty Tull, including original mem-ber Mick Abrahams. Oakengates Theatre Limes Walk (01952-619020) Toxich Republic 619020) Tonight 8pm, £7-£8. MUSIC

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THIS WAS" JETHRO TULL Band

BRIGHTON JOHN HORLER Veteran left field pianist, better known for his work with Cleo Laine. The Lift Queens Road (01273-730515) Tonight 8pm.

LONDON MORNINGTON LOCKETT Fine post-Coltrane tenor saxist. 606 Club Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) & Earls Court. Tonight 10pm, £5.45.

JULIAN NICHOLAS' MOUNTAIN PEOPLE Recast sixties jazz quintet. The Crypt, St Giles Church Camberwell Church Street 5E5 (0171-701 1016) BR: Camberwell. Tonight CARMEN LUNDY Versatile US vo-

calist backed by piano wonder Kenny Kirkland. Jazz Cafe Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060] + Camden Town. Tonight 8.30pm, £16.

STEVE ARGUELLES QUINTET Impressionistic drummer showcasing new album, Circuit, Pizza Express Jazz Qub Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) & Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm, £15. SIBONGILE KHUMALO Expressive operatic South African vocalist. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) → Leicester Square.

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4.45 Music Machine.

11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of the Week:

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6.00 Freaky Storles (4374105).

4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures

(2607944). **4.30** Driving Passions (2603128), **5.00** Flightline (6860505).

N IRELAND As BSC1 London except: 6.30 - 7.00 Newsine 6.30

SCOTLAND AS BBC1 London except:
6.00 News 6.30 - 7.00 Reporting Scotland; Weather 8.30 - 9.00 The Shop
10.20 Friday Sportscene 10.50 Film:
Highlander II - the Quickening 12:15 Film:
Planet Earth 1.25 - 2.50 Film: Body Parts

WALES As BBC1 London except: 6.30 -

ANGLIA
As Cariton except: 12.20 Anglia
News and Weather (489987) 1.00 Justice of the Land (24478), 1.30 Home in the
Country (42741), 2.00 The Jerry Springer
Show (3098302), 2.45 Craven's Collectables (912418), 3.20 Anglia News and
Weather (5463692), 5.40 Shortland Street
(5348925), 5.40 News; Weather (688050,
6.00 Catchphrase (216449), 6.25 Anglia
News (919995), 10.00 TIN News; Weather
(25586), 10.45 Film: Beyond Obsession
(96557876), 12.35 Nash Bridges
(2487838), 1.30 Shill in Bed with MeDinner
(42703), 2.00 ChibaVision (427997),
2.45 The Heunted Fishtank (9434155),
3.10 Film: White Cargo (6864529), 4.30
ITV Nightscreen (18258), 5.00 Coronation

7.00 Wales Today

ANGLIA

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6.00 knyasion of Astromonster (1965)

(2561166). 8.00 Escape from Alcatraz

(1996) (13088147). **11.30** Emma (1996)

(20147). 3.00 To Fece Her Past (1996)

Monsters (1989) (59079), 8.00 Golden

arn Hungary, where the Danube

BBC Philharmonic/Yan Pascal

(88-90.2MHz FM)

(97.6-99.8MHz FM)

6.30 Chris Moyles: Chris and

Breakfast Show to e close. 9.00

Simon Mayo: Including Radio 1'a

Greatest Hits from 9.00. 12.00 Jo

Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00

Dave Pearce: Counting down the

Most Wanted chart. Call on 0345

110 100 to register your vote, 5.45 Newsbeat, 6.00 Pete Tong's Es-

Jules. 11.00 Westwood - Radio 1

Grooverider. 4.00-7.00 Emme B.

6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake

Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce.

12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed

Stewart. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00

Glamorous Nights: the Ivor Novel-

lo Story. 7.30 Friday Night is Mu-

sic Night: Ken Bruce presents the

BBC Concert Orchestra, conduct-

ed by James Lockhart and led by

Martin Loveday, with guest artists

Anne Dawson and Ivan Sharpe.

9.15 Saturday Night and Sunday

Sharidan Morley. 12.05 Charles

Nove. 4.00 - 6.00 Jackie Bird.

Morning, 9.30 Listen to the Band. 10.00 David Jacobs. 10.30

sential Selection. 9.00 Judge

Rap Show. 2.00 Fabio and

Dave bring their week on the

FRIDAY RADIO

PICK OF THE DAY

A L Kennedy talk about the the short story - Kennedy says one of the big pluses is that, while a novel demands too much time and effort to be thrown away, if a short story doesn't work you can just kill the thing. Blake

is now the scene of en annual

8.35 Concert, part 2. Vaughan

9.40 Postscript. George Szirtee

exploring its culture, history and

life today. 5: Towards Voivodina

10.00 Hear and Now. Return of

the traditional, the classic and the

completely new. Aural Hollo: 39 -

the Dream of Manichaus: before

Ugandan Ceremonial Music.

John. Zoltan Vaci: Reconstruction

Lukas Ligeti: Pattern Transforme-

tion. John Cage: Second Con-

struction. James Wood: Village

11.30 Swinging with Uncle Joe.

12.00 Proms Composer of the

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.00 In the Psychiatrist's Chair.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

11.00 NEWS: Ramblings, (R)

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

da: Music from Tahiti.

Week: Janacek. (R)

(92.4-94.6MHz FM)

9.45 Buster's Diaries.

11.30 Babblewick Hall.

12.57 Weather.

RADIO 4

6.00 Today.

Burial with Fire. Trad, arr Amadin-

before John. Trad, err Amadinda:

the weekly series showcasing

presents a special concert in

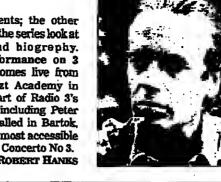
Williams: Fantasia on a Theme by

Thomas Tallis. Elgar: Enigma Vari-

carnival (R)

and the sea.

TODAY A couple of top writers Morrison presents; the other share thoughts on different forms programmes in the series look at reportage end biogrephy. Tonight's Performance on 3 (7.30pm R3) comes live from the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest as part of Radio 3's Danube Week, including Peter Donohoe, unrivalled in Bartok, as soloist in his most accessible work, the Piano Concerto No 3. ROBERT HANKS



2.15 Afternoon Play: Legal Affairs. 3.00 NEWS; Check Up. 3.30 Strange Weather Days. (R) 3.45 Feedback See Pick of the Day.

6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 The News Quiz. 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. contemporary music. Verity Sharp which Hungary's apell-binding percussion group Amadinda perform

torship and a very larga collection of shoes are the popular imagea of the Philippines under the rule of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos. Mark Lawson investigates a new book by James Hamilton-Paterson which reappraises thair reputa-7.45 The Jury. By Matthew Solon.

A high-profile public figure is fighting a libel case to preserve her reputation. As proceedings get under way, it bacomes clear to the members of the jury that the trial will have an impact on their own lives. With Suzanne Bertish, Patrick Robinson and Kelly Hunter, Director Andy Jordan (5/25). 8.00 NEWS; The Commission, Nick Ross invites panals of public figures to hear expert evidence on an issue of current concern and reach practical conclusions to resolve tha problem at hand. 4: 'Glass Cailings for Women at Work'. With Anthony Howard, Rabbi Julia Neuberger and Bob

B.45 Letter from Amarica. Alistair Cooke with another slice of Ameri-

9.00 NEWS: The Friday Play: Something Blue. A contemporary tale of family love by award-winning young writer Rebecca Prichard. Richie's father has moved in with Sam's mother. They are stepbrother and stepsister - almost. With Polly Lister, Will Kean. Amelda Brown and Garard McDermott. Director Jonquil Panting. 10.00 The World Tonight. With

Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enduring Love. By lan McEwan, abridged in ten parts by Penny Leicester, read David Horovitch. A searing tale of love and obsession, set in contemporary London. (5/10). 11.90 Late Tackle. Johnathan

Lagard hosts more late-night conraation end features on a sporting thame, With guest Jackie 11.30 Horses for Courses.

12.00 News. 12.30 Late Book: Tha Tesseract. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshora Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 Leisure Update. 5.56 - 6.00 Weather. RADIO 4 LW

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 An Act of Worship. 12.00 - 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast, 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Brian Hayes. 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 Alan Green's Sportsnight. Alan Green and his guests look ahead to Arsenal v Manchester United and Rangers v Celtic. The live action comes from Division Two, where Walsall meets Notts County. Plus regular updates from the fifth Solheim Cup in Ohio. 10.00 Late Night Live. Insight and comment on the day's big issues with Brian Hayes. Including Papertalk. 10.30 Sport. 11.00 News. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 1.00 Up All Night.

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM (100.0-101.9MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests, 2.00 Con-certo. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight, 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Bobby Hain, 7.00 Wheels of Steel 11.00 James Merritt. 2.00 - 6.00 Howard Pearce.

WORLD SERVICE 1-00 Newsdesk. 1.30 From tha Weaklies. 1.45 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesk, 2.30 Codebreakers, 2.45 Short Story, 3.00 Newsday. 3.30 Peopla and Politics. 4.00 World News. 4.05 World Businees Report. 4.15 Sports Roundup. 4.30 Weakend/Insight (SW 5875kHz only). 4.45 Off the Shelf - Human Croquet (SW 5875kHz only), 5.00

6.00 Spotlight. TALK RADIO 7.00 Bill Overton and Kirsty Young, 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 11.00 Lorraina Kelly. 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 3.00 Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abhot. 10.00 Mike Allen, 2.00 -6.00 Mlke Dickin.

(7424416), 10.30 The Sullivans (8823166).

11.00 Dales (5839586). **11.85** Neighbours (53002079). **12.25** EastEnders (5416857). **1.00** All Creatures Greet and

Small (4291760), 2.00 Dallas (5888296). 2.55 The Bill (8891166), 3.25 The Bill (4818302), 3.55 Bergerac (1830215), 4.55

26291661 6.00 All Creatures Great and

Small (4288296), 7.00 The Comedy Alter-

(2761383), 8.20 The Cornecty Alternative

Yes, Minister (2591037). 9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (8587789).

9.40 Minder (93477857). 10.45 Rising

12.20 Hamish Macbeth (3131223). 1.20

6.00 Tiny Living (3849147), 9.00 Special Babies (8041944), 9.30 Beyond Belief:

Fact or Fiction (7173470). 10.00 Jerry Springer (\$484499). 10.50 Rolonda (\$493296). 11.40 The Heat is On (\$9888708). 12.10 Jimmy's (2363031). 12.45 Rescue 911 (\$856470). 1.15 Ready.

Steady, Cook (4044128). 1.50 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (13357673). 2.20 Living It Upl

(8468895), 2.20 Rolonda (9566012), 4.10 Tempestt (8167079), 5.00 Ready, Steady,

Cook (1584296). 5.35 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (5133499). 6.30 Jerry Springer

560437). 9.00 Film: Evidence of Love

9.00 WCW Nitro on TNT (20168234), 11-30

Filim: The Big Sleep (1945) (80931963). See Pick of the Day. 1.30 Filim: Escape from East Berlin (1962) (99600513). 3.15

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL

7.00 Roseanne (5499). 7.30 Cosby (4215). 9.00 Grace under Fire (447). 8.30 Spin City (3654). 9.00 Ellen (58505). 9.30 Seinfeld (58437). 10.00 Films: Jabberwocky (1977) (40857).

12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (79819), 1.00 Saturday Night Live

(57345), **2.00** Dr Katz (90548), **2.30** Soap (45655), **3.00** The Kids in the Hall

(95432), 3.30-4.00 Nightstand (936

Films Our Mother's House (1967)

(73819161). 5.00 Close.

(6682741), 7.00 Rescue 911 (9736470).

(1990) (2530296), **11.00** Sex Life Down Under (8549673), **12.00** Close.

7.30 Beyond Bellef: Fact or Fiction (9115166). 8.00 Adrenalin Junkles

Film: Night Before (1987) (37726884).

2.45 - 7.00 Shopping (65633068).

Damp (6477296). 11.20 The Bill (6309925). 11.50 The Bill (2295895).

native: Don't Wait Up (8099789). 7.40 The

EastEnders (8251296). 5.30 Angels

Comedy Alternative: Dad's Army

Newsday. 5.30 Outlook. 5.55 -

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS JON SPEELMAN

EVENTS IN the last couple of days with a report from the news agency have cast further doubt upon the 33rd Chess Olympiad, which is due to open in Elista, the capital of the Russian eutocomous region of Kalmykia, tomorrow week.

The Olympiad was already under a cloud, following the brutal murder on 7 June of Larisa Yudina, e prominent opposition journalist and fierce cribe of Kalmykia'a president. Kirsan Ilymzhinov, who is also presidept of Fide (Federation Internationale des Echecs - the sport's governing body) and the force behind bringing the Olympiad and other important chess events to Elista. Together with other incidents this led to an appeal from the Glasnost Defence Foundation, a highly reputable Russian Human Rights organisation, for a boycott.

Since I've been one of those resisting this plea, I feel that I should briefly state my position. This is that Olympiads have been held in many extremely dubious places in the past, ootably in Argentina in 1978 at the height of that country's brutal military dictatorship. We didn't boycott that event, and I believe that one oeeds e proven and quite exceptionally good reason to refuse to represent one's country now. However, I certainly respect those who don't

wish to go. A report from a Yugoslav source on Tuesday has suggested that, in any case, there may he little to boycott. It was always known that the schedule was tight, but it is oow alleged that the projected venue, the Chess Palace, will be in no way ready for the event.

It was also stated that only 40-50 per cent of the occommodation will be ready for the competitors. A furAgence France Presse that the Russian Central Bank decided on 8 September to suspend central bank operations and state subsidies to Kalmykia.

David Sedgwick, the international director of the British Chess Federation, said: "I was not surprised to hear about the alleged problems regarding the playing hall, hut I had previously been led to believe that there would be no difficulties with the accommodation. In the light of these latest reports I am urgently seeking clarification from senior Fide officials and I shall also be seeking edditional information from the Foreign Office." We aren't due to leave until a

week today, but it looks like it will be e fairly frantic week.

Which just leaves me room for one of Napoleon's (alleged) cavalry adventures, long before his retreat from Moscow:

The moves themselves are of only secondary interest. However, 1 should at least point out that 8...Bf5! instead of 8...Nh6 would have been winning for Black; and that 10...Kd6 was suicidal.

White: Napoleoo Bonaparte Black: Madame de Remusat

Malmaison Castle 1804 Philidor's Defence

1 Nc3 e5 8 Qf3 Nh6? 2 Nf3 d6 9 Nf6+ Ke7 10 Nxd5+ Kd6 3 e4 £5 4 h3 fxe4 11 Ne4+ Kxd5 12 Bc4+! Kxc4 5 Nxe4 Nc6 6 Nfg5? d5 13 Qb3+ Kd4 14 Qd3 Mate 7 Qh5+ g6

ther blow was struck oo Wednesday speelman@compuserve.com

BRIDGE

SOUTH GOT away with murder on this deal, both in the hidding and the play. As he pointed out to me afterwards, he would have had no chance if the two and three of spades had been exchanged!

South opened One Heart, North raised to Three Hearts, and East joined in with Three Spades. South went on to game and, after two passes, East brooded for some while before passing (as you can see, an adventurous advance to Five Diamonds would have struck gold dust).

West led +3 against Four Hearts, and, with commendable lack of apparent thought, declarer dropped his king under East's ace. It was clear to him that the lead was a singleton and, if his king had been ruffed on the secood round, he would have four certain losers.

From East's point of view the lead was perfectly consistent with an original holding of ♠ 32 so, seeing no future in spades, be switched to \$Q. Now South was in business. He won, drew trumps in two rounds and led his remaining of \$3? Then East would have been spade to the eight and ten. He won fooled by declarer's false-card.

♥AJ952 ٥J **+**863 West East **♦**AQ10765 **+**3 V 84 **⊘**none ♦A9862 **♦K10743** South **★**K2 ♥KQ10763 **Q**5 ♣A K 4

Game all; dealer South

North

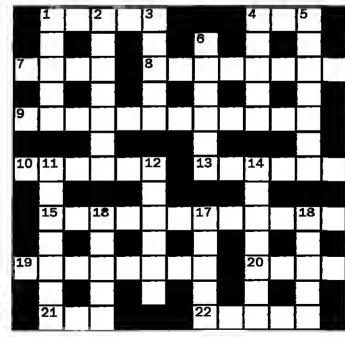
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the next club lead, crossed to dummy with a trump, and was able to take e ruffing finesse with the table's + J9 against East's queen. The losing cluh went away, and, later, e diamond ruff in dummy produced the 10th trick.

An if West had held ◆2 instead

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3719 Friday 18 September



ACROSS

Compei (5) Sing with closed lips (3) Protracted (4) Strew (8) Feature of church windows

(7,5) 10 Noiseless (6) 13 Spiritual leader of Islam (6) 15 Inadequate responses to

problems (4-8) 19 Compliant (8)

20 Hurry (4) 21 Golfing accessory (3) 22 Of the countryside (5)

14 Wash (7)

Hair dye (5)

Very sad (6)

11 Live in (7)

12 Mood (6)

Buoyancy aid (5)

Type of jazz music (7) Follow (5)

Effeminate man (7)

16 Serving-spoon (5) 17 Stage or screen performer (5) 18 Artist's support (5)

Solution to yesterday's Coacise Crossword:

ACROSS: 1 Eggs, 4 Hurts (Exerts), 9 U-boat, 10 Ululate, 11 Espalier, 12 Full, 13 Undergraduate, 17 Past, 18 Daffodil, 21 Ravioli, 22 Alibi, 23

DOWN

Wrong, 24 Teem. DOWN: 2 Group, 3 Settler, 4 Housebreaking, 5 Rout, 6 Spatula, 7 Juneau, 8 Well, 14 Disavow, 15 Defiant, 16 Eclair, 17 Para, 19 Drive, 20 Polo,

in Writers' Masterclass (4pm R4). Martin Amis (right) and advantages and disadvantages of

1.00 The World at One. 1.30 Foul Play. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

takes e journey down the Danube, 4.00 NEWS; Writers' Masterclass. 4.30 The Message. 5.00 PM

7.15 Front Row. Corruption, dicta-

SATELLITE AND CABLE

TWO MOVIES on a break-out "featured Bogart" (right) plays theme this evening, the first with Philip Marlowe, a private eye a very moody Clint Eastwood investigating a case of hlackmail

trying to Escape from Alcatraz and murder, while Lauren Bacall (8pm Sky Cioema). Richard is his highly-plausible love Attenborough, Steve McQueen interest. If that hasn't satisfied et al make e break for it later oo your cinematic appetite then try in The Great Escape (10.30pm Eat a Bowl of Tea (1.35am Sky Sky Cinema). Alternatively The Premier), an entertaining tale of late 1940s New York City from Big Sleep (11.30pm TNT), Wayne Wang, director of the excellent Dim Sum - a Little Bit of Heart. Ben Loy stars in this funny, observant work. PETER CONCHIE

PICK OF THE DAY

Howard Hawks's version of the Raymond Chandler novel, ends e week of Humphrey Bogart on TNT in which Casablanca and The Maltese Falcon have already 5.30 Treasure Hunters (2627708). 6.00

Zoo Story (2617321). 6-30 Untarned Africa (5431673). 7.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (2604857), 8.00 Lonely Planet (7812654) 6.00 Medical Detectives (3768147) 9.30 Medical Detectives (4281383) 10.00 Adrenain Rush Houri Speedi Crashi Rescuel (7835505). 11.00 A Century of Warfare (7797128). 12.00 Fightline (9324600), 12.30 Driving Passions (623906), 1.00 Medical Detective (7662797), 1.30 Medical Detectives (4773600). 2.00 Close().

SKY 1 7.00 Tattooed Teenage Allen Fighters from Beverly Hils (63321), 7.30 Games World (3861692), 7.45 The Simpsons (84079), 8.15 Games World (7481711). (84079) \$3.5 Garrier world (AG1A). 8.30 Garrield and Friends (68215). 9.00 The New Adventures of Superman (37079). 10.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (48012). 11.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (68876), **12.00** Married with Children (62031), **12.30** M*A*S*H (7759128). 12.55 The Special K Collection (61324963), 1.00 Gereldo (3767586), 1.55 The Special K Collection (91593234), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (4276627). 2.55 The Special K Collection (986183). 3.00 Jen-ny Jones (4461857). 3.55 The Special K Collection (1643673). 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (15147). 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (6586). 6.00 Married with Children (1147). 6.30 Friends (2499). 7.00 The Simpsons (7215). 7.30 The Simpsons (1383). 6.00 The Simpsons (5963). 8,30 The Simpsons (5470). 9.00

der (28722), 1.30 Long Play (6127277). SKY SPORTS 1

(49126). 12.00 Asrobics - Oz Style (11418). 12.30 Motor Sport: Champion of the Future (30031), 1.00 Euro Tour Golf - Tro-phee Lancome (6403234), 5.00 Formula Three Racing (6091). 5.30 What a Week-end (6296). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (48050). 7.00 Super League London v St. Helens (570128). 9.30 Gillette World Sport Special (50895), 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (80963), 11.00 Hold the Back Page (96673), 12,00 Sky Sports Centre (71277), 1,00 Super League (59703). 2.00 · 6.00 Big Time Boxing (7279797).

7.00 Sky Sports Centre (9039893). 715 World Wrestling Federation Superstars (51963). 8.15 Sky Sports Centre (5606895). 8.30 Racing News (99942). 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (91654). 8.30 The Rugby Club (63012). 10.30 Saturday Fight Night (60437). 1130 Futbol Mundail

SKY SPORTS 2
7.00 Aerobics · Oz Style (712:654), 7.30
Sky Sports Centre (584:302), 7.45 Racing News (8544050), 8.15 Formula Three Racing (5041234). 8.45 Sky Sports Cen-tre (9700550). 9.00 Tight Lines

Walker, Texas Ranger (47234). 10.00

Cops (83760). 10.30 Cops (89708). 11.00

Friends (16876). 11.30 Star Trelc Deep

Friends (16876). 12.30 Law and Or
Bike Tour - British Mountain Bikes

Wartel Sport (3143128), 5.30 Trans World Sport (3)4323), 3-30 litars world sport Spe-cial (4927499), 7.00 Friday Night Footbell Walsall v Norts County (5227031), 10-00 Ford Golf USA - BC Open (4308838). 12.00 Euro Tour Golf - Trophee Lancome (1989919). 2.00 World Wrestling (5119109). 4.00 Sky Sports Centre (3315068). 5.00

6.00 Super League (6017797). SKY SPORTS 3 10.30 Cricket - Britannic Assurance Championship Surrey v Leicestershire (52205166). **1.00** Formula Three Racing (36575429). **1.30** Cricket (75982321). 6.00 Senior PGA Tour (31126321). 6.30 Speedway (40572895), 9.00 Equestriansm (25097437). 9.30 Yachting (21252708). 10.00-12.00 Wrestling (25088789).

EUROSPORT 7.30 Football (7970296), 1L00 Motor-7.30 Football (7970295), TLUO Motor-sports Magazine (71596), 12.00 Motorcy-cling (86708), 2.00 Cycling (71215), 4.00 Motorcycling (4760), 6.00 Golf (91079), 8.00 Surno (92708), 6.00 Boxing (72944), 10.00 Motorcycling (75031), 11.00-12.30 Xtreme Sports (57960).

UK GOLD

7.00 Crossroeds (7713166), 7.30 Neighbours (7096585), 7.55 EastEnders (4368050), 6.30 The Bill (8803302), 9.00 The Bill (8894654), 9.30 Bergerac (7830079), 10.00 Football League Review (7139673), 11.00 Ford Golf USA - BC Open (5089418). 1.00 Football · Euro-pean Cup Winners Cup Hearts v Real

St (95819). 5.30 Morning News (41971).

CENTRAL
As Carriton except: 12.20 Central
News and Weather (4689857). 1.00 Echo
Point (2410), 2.45 Our House (91248).
3.20 Central News 5483692; 5.40 News;
Weather (888050). 6.00 Heart of the
Courtry (216449). 6.25 Central News
and Weather (919895). 10.30 Central
News, Weather and Travel Update
(349789). 10.40 Central Weekend Live
(7881437). 12.10 Tales from the Darkside
(8765242). 3.45 Jobfinder (119161). 5.20
Asign Eye (9097068). 5.30 News (41971).

HTV WALES

As Cartton except: 10.15 This Morning (899708): 12.15 HTV News (2229470).

1.00 The Dressing Up Show (2418): 1.30 Home in the Country (4274): 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3098302): 2.45 Get Gardening: (912416): 3.20 HTV News (5463692): 5.40 A Country Practice (8348925): 6.00 Catchphrase (218449).

6.25 Weles Tonight (919895): 10.00 News; Weelcand Weather (25588): 10.30 HTV News (323741): 10.45 Weles This Week Special (958505): 11.45 Renegade (258673): 12.35 Nesh Bridges (2487838): 1.30 Still in Bed with MeDinnar (42703). HTV WALES

2.00 CtubaVision (4279971), 2.45 The Haunted Fishtank (943455), 3.40 Film: White Cargo (5884529), 4.30 ITV Nightscreen (18258), 5.00 Coronation St (95819), 5.30 Moming News (41971).

HTV WEST As HTV Wales except: 1.00 Relative Knowledge (2448), 2.45 The Dressing Up Show (91248), 6.25 HTV West Westiner (822895), 6.30 The West Tonight (215). 10.45 Film: Blue Bayou (96557876). MERIDIAN

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As Cariton except: 10.15 This Morning (899708), 12.15 Meridian News and Weather (2129470), 1.00 Justice of the Land (24418), 1.30 Home in the Country (4271), 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3098302), 2.45 Doing it Up (912418), 3.20 Meridian News and Weather (5463692), 5.10 Catchphrase (9348925), 5.40 News; Weather (686350), 6.00 Meridian Tonight (68789), 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (546788), 10.40 Looking for Love (219079), 11.00 Ger Real (795944), 11.40 Midnight Caller (368499), 12.35 Nesh Bridges (3487838), 1.30 Still in Bed with MeDinner (42703), 2.00 CubaVision (4279971), 2.45 The Heuntad Fishtank (9484155), 3.10 Film: White Cargo (6864529), 4.30 ITV Nightscreen

Morning News (41971).

YORKSHIRE YORICSHIRE
As Cariton except: 10.15 This Morning (899708, 12.15 Calendar Naws and Weather (2129470), 1.00 Home in the Country (61850078), 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (3431147), 2.10 Emmerdale (527789), 2.45 Shortland Street (91248), 3.20 Calendar Naws and Weather (5463692), 5.10 Calchphrame (9348925),

5.40 News; Weekend Weather (\$31654). 5.55 Calendar (278925). 6.30 Toright (215). 10.30 Calendar News (\$49789). 10.40 Pim: Precinct 45: Los Angeles Police (57504857). 5.30 News (4971). TYNE TEES

As Yorkshire except: 3.20 North East News and Weather (5463692), 5.55 North East Weather (71128), 6.00 North East Toright (58789), 10.30 North East News (349789), 10.40 The Estate Agents (218079), 11.10 The Truth about Sceps (463363), 12.10 Coach (8765242).

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

(18258). **5.00** Freescreen (95819). **5.30** ITN Morning News (41971).

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1.00 Emmerciale (24418), 2.45 Westcountry Update (912418), 3.20 Westcountry Update (912418), 3.20 Westcountry Update (912418), 3.20 Westcountry Update (912418), 3.20 Westcountry News (88789), 10.00 News; Weether (688050), 6.00 Westcountry Live (88789), 10.00 News; Weether (898050), 12.35 Nesh Bridges (2487838), 1.30 Still in Bed with MeCinner (42703), 2.00 Cuba Vision (4279371), 2.45 The Haunted Fishtank (9434155), 3.10 Film: White Cargo (6864529), 4.30 ITV Nightscreen (18253), 5.00 Coronation Street (95819), 5.30 ITN Morning News (41971).

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5.00 Businasa Sreakfeat (86079), 7.00 Breekfast at the Gernes (T) (28963), 5.00 Kiroy (S) (7577844), 5.40 Breakera (S) (7429654), 10.05 Style Challenge (S) (946383), 10.30 Daily Live (S) (4080437), 10.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (1624673).

11.00 Commonwealth Gamas Grendetend. Including the start of the men's triple jump, with our own Jonethan Edwards leaping for gold (S) (T) (48944).

1.00 Nawej Locel News, Waather (22050).

1.40 Commonweelth Cames Grandstend. Includes the final of the men's 400m with Iwan Thomas of Wales emong the lavourites (S) (T) (7086234).

2.30 Naighbours (S) (6686789). 2.66 Breekers (4578692).

3.25 Childran's BBC: Playdeye (7765437). 3.45 Arthur (R) (1586895). 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (6080031).
4.35 Cleriase Explains it Ali (3145031). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (836383). 5.10 Blue Peter (S) (T) (6698363).
5.35 Neighbours (S) (T) (769128).

5.00 News; Weather (T) (895).

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onal News. And weather (T) (147).

7.00 Weakend Watchdog. Travel agents and reetaurateurs get berked et by Anne Robinson end her minions (S) (T) (2893).

7.30 Top of the Pope. This week's beat-selling einglee, live performancee and pre-chart exclusivee (S) (T) (534565).

7.55 Fawity Towers. "Waldorf Salad". The one where the American guests order the above, to Basil's psink-stricken incomprehension (R) (T) (427786).

8.30 Only Foots and Horses. "The Long Legs of the Law". Rodney's new romance sends the household into a panlo (R) (S) (B166).

9.00 News; Regional News| Weather (T) (8760)

9.30 Dangarfield. More from the much-improved police-surgeon drame series. After e fight and a lire break out in e pub, Nigel Havere le called to examine various witnesses – one of whom has escaulted a WPC end is experiencing liashbacks to e possible

IIIM Highlender it – the Quickening (Rusell Muloshy 1981 US). Further mortal combat down the ages with Christopher Lambert end Sean Connery both returning for this lesser sequel (S) (T) (8038031).

Big Norm hosts the Cheers

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on The Paramount Comedy Channel

11.45 IIIII Fire in the 8ky (Robert Liebermen 1993 US). Arizona 1975: five ecared young lumberlacks claim thet their friend was ebducted by a UFO. Soepticat policemen James Garner Investigates (S) (848925).

1.30 IIIII The Sha-Creature (Edward L Cahn 1956 US). Nicely atmospheric Fifties sci-fi has e fairground hypnotist summoring up the epirit of an ancient sea moneter (1) (2886161).

2.50 Commonweelth Games Grendetand. Bowle, the final of the cricket and ethletion (S) (7/832722). To 6.30am.

COMEDY OF THE DAY

Australian double-act Roy Slaven and HG Nelson move from making guest appearances on Ben Elton's show to their own fully-flediged showcass (something they already bave "down under", where it's called Club Buggery, the word has e different meaning there). It's a cod chat show in the style we've come to expect from Dame Edne and Mrs Merton, with Roy and HG (catchphrase: "Tickle it you wrigglers!") interviewing celebrities in the guise of gruff, co-ronsense sports commentators. Their first guests/victims are Caprice, England

ROCK FAMILY TREES (115pm BBC2, right) Charts the rise and fall of Mersey Beat, the first authentic British contribution to pop history. The Beatlee – with their leather jacksts and "straight from Hamburg" billing (many people thought they were German at first) are peripheral to Steve Bonnett's evocative film. Indeed at one stage, there were more than 250 bands playing Liverpool's cluba every Saturday night, ficelled on American R'n'B, skiffle and trad-jazz. The Merseybeats, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Searchers and Billy J Kramer

rice, Englan iers Morgan.

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7.00 Children's 88C: Teletubbles (1366470). 7.25 Smurfs' Adventures (5852437). 7.45 Cartoon Critters (42079). 6.45 Noah's leland (R) (4863662). 6.35 Spot (R) (2878586). 6.40 Secret Life of Toys (R) (S) (1914302).

11.00 IIIM Murder et tha Cellop (George Poliock 1683 UK). Margarst Rutherford's Mise Marple Avestigates when an elderly recluse is frightened to death. Robert Morley and Flora Robson are suspecta (T) (5192470).

2.30 Commonwealth Games Grandetend and Racing from Nawbury. The horse-racing features the 240, 340, 340 and 4.10pm races (S) (47975050).

Lynam introduces highlighta ot the dey's competition in Kuala Lumpur. Jonathan Edwarde's attempt at the triple jump and the men's 400m final (with Iwan Thomes among the favouritee) are the highlights, elong with England's Du'aine Ladejo and his continuing attempt at decathion gold (8) (T) (97855963).

8.09 Country Tracks. Pets McCarthy continues his walk up the Suffolk coast, and Lindeey Carnon spends the night on a ledge half-wey up a Welsh cliff (5) (1) (7873)

8.30 Gardeners' World. How to save money on next year's bedding by sowing annuals now And Pippa Greenwood's guide to fruit treea for your garden (6708)

8.00 Gama On. Metthew decides to join the Marines, which is an extreme, if understandable, reaction to being a character in this mirthless elloom (R) (S) (1) (8302).

9.30 Rab C Neebitt. Rab does his community service as Govan mourns country singer Merilou Devine (S) (T)

10.30 Newsnight. With Kiraly Wark (T) (219489).

12.08 Comedy Nation (S) (8842345).

1.05 Letar with Joole Holland. With Aerosmith, Black Grape, the Lighthouse Family and Texas (R) (S) (9478277). To 210em.

DOCUMENTARY OF THE D

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8.00 Commonwealth Games Grendetand. Weightifting, boxing, bowls and netball (S) (92321).

12.20 Baautiful Things (4686031), 12.30 Working Lunch (56944), 1.00 Commonwealth Games Grandeland (S) (T) (3434234), 1.40 Petrocelli (R) (S) (7093675).

10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Guests Include Gién Gregory, of Heaven 17, former Happy Mondays meregas man Bez and Tony Wright of Terrorvision (S) (T) (21760).

10.00 Ne

rej Weather (T) (25566)

11.15 BIODE Rook Family Treas. "The Mersey Sound". Or how Liverpool rock in roll conquered the world. is Sea Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T) (754147).

12.35 Goff: The Bolhelm Cup. Highlights from Ohio of the the female version of the filder Cup (S) (436109).

3.25 Chile Archile (R) (4) (6359 and 2

5.10 The buisin Phillip

4.25 Tennis The Barneung Open. Live coverage of the quarter-finale from Bournemouth (S) (25456418).

6.00 The Simpsons. "Some Enchanted Evening". Homer's choice of babysitter proves diseatroue (R) (T) (682073).

8.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Deemo Lynam introduces highlights of the dey's competition

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Londen Programme Interview. Feound nasswoman Nicole Horlick is quizzed by Travor pa (8348926).

8.00 Lone for th don Waakend Tonight. Regionel news update to capital end the South-East (T) (963).

6.30 Dan gone fleta i

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7.30 Coronetion Straet. Flona drops a bombshell which threetens to tear the McDoneids apart – Tierally, one can only wish (T) (496).

8.00 Noeh's Ark. Return of the genre-bound. Worcestarehire-set vets drams, with Ainton Rodgers as the owner of a family-run practice. A certain Paul Werriner is introduced to speed up female pulses, as impetitious young animal doctor Jake, end the first storyline involves an injured radehorse (S) (T) (9505).

9.00 Dan produ inspe bask O'Connor Tonight. Prince Edwerd (his TV unifor company has made its first drema, The color Pitt Mysteries), Lee Evans and Geautiful South beneeth the perma-tan (S) (9741).

10.30 Crin 90m ne Fighters. Penny Smith hangs eround ae the g Squad deale with two bank raide and stakes out a antique thieves (S) (34234).

11.00 Ram Journ namber. 1/2. Start of a two-part drame cluding next week) atarring Donna Mille ae a TV sallet haunted by her flencé's diseppearance on their fing day (S) (T) (793012).

12.35 Lond Nesh (2642) 3.20 (T) (6) (6707) (sekend Tonight (T) (9728797), 12.40 (se (R) (S) (T) (9662600), 1.36 ClubVision (S) (2.20 ITV et the Reading Festival (8398797). Football (23436451), 3.45 Vanesse (R) (S) (5), 4.35 Cybernet (R) (S) (51626256), 5.00 (ren (95619), 5.30 ITN Morning News

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neesa (S) (∏) (6466165), 10.15 This Morning (∏) 1056857), 12.20 Your Shout (4689857), 12.30 News; 1056857), 12.30 News; 1056857), 12.30 News; 10 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (∏) (7000166), 2.15 me in the Country (S) (∏) (913147), 2.45 High Road (∏) (912416), 3.15 JTN News Headlinea (∏) (5473079), 20 London Todey (∏) (5463692),

dren's ITV: Wizadore (R) (5453215), 3.35 bald the Koele (4619708), 3.80 The Forgotten Toya 1663321), 4.00 Blezing Dragons (R) (S) (T) 3741), 4.16 Get Wel (S) (T) (8465050), 4.50 The Zig Zag Show (S) (T) (8205363).

8.40 Nav rej Waakand Weethar (T) (688050).

mardele. Zek and Butch turn to ssrioue crime, arently (S) (T) (5079).

9.30 Spin City. Mike is in denger of falling foul of his own druge teating policy after ingesting peyote with a native American chief (5) (T) (81876).

10.00 Freelet. Another double dose from the life; earles. "Can't fluy me Love" has a model winning Fraeler's eervices at e charity auction. And "You Can't Tell e Crook by Hie Cover" (et 10.30pm) has Fraeler rashly claiming to be an expert at epotting criminels (R) (S) (T) (23128).

11.06 South Perk (T) (794215), 11.35 TF1 Friday (S) (T) (918055), 12.36 Jo Whiley (R) (S) (T) (4503616).

1.46 IIIM Vary Importent Person (Kenn Annakin 1861 UK). Eminent radar scientist Jernes Robertson-Justice is captured by the Nazis. Fellow PoW inmates Leslie Philips, Erio Sykes and Stanley Baxter (you get the picture) plot his secape (T) (17174499). 3,30 CI

6.00 TFt Friday. Culture Club, Chris Isaak and Silversun provide musical reliel from Dolly Parton and Boy George plugging whetever they're plugging (S) (69031).

4 News Weather (S) (T) (858234).

7.55 Bengladesh Floods Disseter Appasel (288811).
8.50 Cardens of the Carlbbean. Arms Swithinbank—dever gal—continues her travels in the Carlbbean, this week looking at the flora of Grenada (S) (T) (2741).

5.30 Brookside. Mok has a close shave with Andrea when Leo turns up to ask her for a date. Got that? And Max is uneasy when Ron dotes on the baby (S) (T) (1876).

6.00 Friands. Phoebe's helf-brother asks her to help him and Alloe to heve a child (8) (T) (1470).

1.15 1311 Tales from the Crypt (Freddle Francis 1972 UK). Raiph Richardson, Peter Cushing, Patrick Magee and Joan Collins star in this altogether superior horror

3.00 IIIM The Choet Trein (Welter Forde 1941 UK).
Besically the same plot as the Will Hey classic Oh Mr
Porteri with Arthur Askey as the etation master of a
eeemingly haunted railwey station (4452529). To 4.25ar

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7.00 The Big Brackfast (S) (T) (12673). 9.00 Gev (R) (T) (36963).

9.30 LILM Seven Thieves (Henry Hathaway 1960 US). Quite a nippy crime caper, surprisingly enough, given the fer-fetched premise (dying scientist concocts parfect bank helet), the clichéd setting (the French Riviera) and the vokatile oesting of Rod Stelger and Edward G Robinson (T) (83703266).

DO 5 News and Sport (S) (845416). 7.00 WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (1498992). 7.30 Milwshekel (S) (5478708). 7.35 What a Meas (1545079). 8.00 Havakazzo (S) (9650296). 8.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (9682695). 9.00 Wildife SOS (R) (T) (9673147). 9.30 The Opreh Winfrey Show (R) (7242760). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (4414983). 1130 Leeza (S) (8833447). 12.00 6 News at Noon (S) (T) (9653383). 12.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (2962857). 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (1497983). 1.30 Sons and Daughtere (2961128). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (1976447).

11.26 Oeciliation (1959963). 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (R) (S) (T) (2663). 12.00 Sesame Street (22498). 12.30 I Dream of Jeannie (T) (41012). 1.00 Watercolour Challenge (15780). 1.30 Collectors' Lot (41783654).

2.30 Open House with Gloria Hunniford. Nel Sedaka takes up the offer (S) (3133302).

3.30 IIIIM Aurora (Meurizio Ponzi 1984 US). Sophis Loren playa e women who decidee to track down various old lovere in order to trick them into peying money for her blind son's operation. Hill Street Blues' Daniel J Travanti plays one of the exes, while Loren's own 11-yeer-old son, Edoerdo Ponti, plays the eightees nipper (2936505).

Clessic Homes (321), 4,00 Fiftaen to One (128). 4,30 Countdown (S) (T) (3199470), 4,55 Filoki Leke (S) (T) (8603708), 5,30 Pet Rescue (692). 5.00 100 Per Cent (S) (4034789). 5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show, "Oprah end her audience learn about etiquette" (S) (9910708).

6.30 Family Affairs. Maddox asks Pete for money. Holly fears Dave will fell Chris about her and Susie. Else and Jack ergue in the car. Ho hum (S) (T) (401874).

7.00 5 News, including First on Five. Aerobic exercise and news headlines with Kirsty Young (S) (T) (7376463).

7.30 Polar Odyssey. Documentary observing the life-cycle of the king penguin on the Crozet archipelago, home to half the world's population of these feliae (S) (T) (4014925).

8,00 The Car Show. In-oar salelite navigation, Hyundally latest super mint and "bike man" Richard Fincher goes to stunt school (S) (1071091).

Stek as a Parrot. Wintbledon footbeller Efan Ekoku and England hockey captein Jane Sksmith gusst. Chennel 6's answer to They Think It's All Over (2326688).

8 Drive (John Palteraon 1992 US), Nice euburban couple David Soul end Patty Duke move into their dream house and guese what? Yup, it's haunted. Based on a real-tia case, if their makes it any berter (T) (77415706).

10.50 GIDIGE Roy and HG's Planet Norwich. Australian comics Roy Slaven and HG Nelson get their own British ahowcase. See Comedy of the Day, below (5) (8286673).
11.50 GIDIGE Heartbreakers (Bobby Roth 1984 US). Mele-bonding in Los Angeles. See Film of the Day, below (7148654).

US). Ancient western. A fermer takee the law into his own hands (20501426). To 440am.

3,30

1.40 IIIII Parallel Lives (Linda Yellen 1984 US). Gradustea attend a murderous reunion (7135267).

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FILM OF THE DAY



HEARTBREAKERE (1150pm C5, right) Over a decade before this sort of thing became fashionable, Bobby Roth's 1684 drama explores the friendship between two thirtysomething men—Loe Angeles artist Peter Coyote and his businessman cbum, played by Nick Mancuso. Roth, obviously working from personal experience, is very scute on Jealousy, rivalry, the women they bed and (in one case) share—and, ou fond, the deep ties that bind. It appeared from this debut thet an interesting new directorial talent had arrived on the scene. Roth, however, seems to have become caught on the treadmill of Issue-driven TV movies, as indeed have his two leads.



There's something (Shame It's not on TV) great on tonight

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